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Well-paying jobs with social security shrunk as people forced to resort to low-paying self-employment, study says

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'Women working as unpaid household helps rose from 1 in 4 to 1 in 3'

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Bahutva Karnataka, a coalition of activists and civil society organisations, released a report - 'Employment, Wages and Inequality' - that analysed progress made across various employment related indicators in the past 10 years, since the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) came to power.

The study found that between 2011-12 to 2022-23, the share of the self-employed in the workforce has risen.

"More than half of the men and more than two-thirds of women are presently self-employed - a category that includes rural weavers, farmers, potters, urban roadside vendors, tailors, barbers, amongst others, as well as unpaid workers in small household enterprises. On the face of it, being self-employed sounds good but in reality, well-paying jobs with social security have shrunk and people are forced to resort to low-paying self-employment options. Many are exercising this option instead of being in dire hunger or death," it said.

The study also found stagnant household earnings among the poor force more women to work even as unpaid helpers such as working without earnings in family farms or small shops because they cannot find any other remunerative employment. In the last five years, women working as unpaid household helpers has risen from 1 in 4 to 1 in 3.

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> **"These can be funded through a wealth tax of 2% and a 33% inheritance tax on the top 1% of the population**
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> — Report by Bahutva Karnataka

"There are 9.79 lakh vacant posts in union government jobs alone according to a response given in the Lok Sabha by the minister of state, Jitendra Singh in December 2022. The share of men in regular wage work has increased by 3 percentage points; the share of women rose to

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Work isn't in progress

Much-awaited four-lane Yelahanka flyover missed multiple deadlines since work began in January 2022

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The Yelahanka flyover has paralysed the movement of vehicles in the area ever since construction work began more than two years ago.

Commuters on the stretch claimed that while the situation has only been deteriorating, the construction site, more often than not, is found deserted, indicating that the traffic situation is not going to improve anytime soon.

Locals BM spoke to said the pace of the project of late has been painfully slow and that not even all the pillars needed to prop up the flyover are in place.

"More than six months ago, 30 pillars were up. However, in the last six to seven months only seven to eight new pillars have come up. A couple of them are not complete. There are days when the site is vacant and no work is happening," said a regular commuter.

Work on the much-awaited four-lane flyover began in January 2022. The detailed project report of the flyover suggested that the project would be completed in

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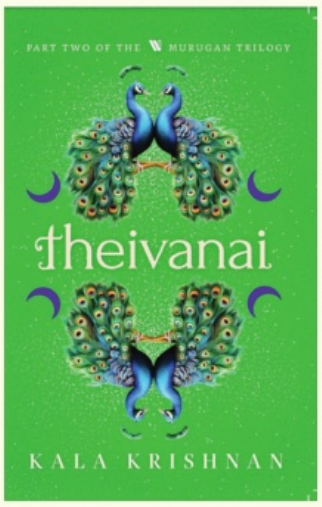
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Read it right



Be a part of an enchanting literary event, the release of "Theivanai: Part Two of the Murugan Trilogy" by critically acclaimed poet and author, Kala Krishnan, followed by an insightful conversation with Ajitha GS, Publisher, Context. The book is named after the Hindu goddess of Aspiration, Theivanai, the companion of the war god Kartikeya (Murugan). In the exciting second volume of a planned trilogy, the author expands on the mythologies of God and delves into the heart of what it is about this god that is so compelling, why he elicits not just devotion but also love. **When: March 22, 4:30 pm onwards**
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar

02 Dance your hearts out

Plan your weekend to witness the iconic Usha Uthup setting the stage on fire with our all-time favourite pop numbers for the first time after her Padma Bhushan award alongside the multilingual, multigenre sensation, Alive India Rockstars.
When: March 23, 6:00 pm
Where: Garuda Outdoor Courtyard

03 Artistic inclusivity

Join Melanie Zimmerman, Artistic Director of Hanover's international dance festival 'Real Dance' for 'Radical Openness' - a workshop where she shares the practices and strategies of inclusivity for art productions at the sixth edition of Prakriti Excellence in Contemporary Dance Awards. This workshop encourages artists and cultural workers to address their questions and uncertainties in the field. **When: March 27, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm**
Where: Bangalore International Centre

Exams will be webcast, copycats better beware

117 of 567 SSLC exam centres equipped for webcasting to put stop to mass copying

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As the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exams are set to begin in the state on March 25, the biggest challenge is to ensure foolproof exams due to past reports of mass copying. Therefore, the education department is planning to webcast exams at selected locations.

A special focus for webcasting will be on the seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka, which have a total of 567 exam centres. Out of these centres, 117 will be focused on via webcasting. An official said, "Despite stringent measures, there were reports of malpractice during last year's exams, leading to the suspension of a few teachers. Hence, this year, we have planned webcasting of exams at selected locations, which are covered by CCTVs." Officials stress that webcasting prevents malpractice as the process could be monitored live by higher officials. In case of any doubts, they can immediately alert the flying or sitting squad to take action. This will also help diligent students concentrate on exams, as there will be no room for malpractice. Additionally, this measure is considered beneficial and safe for female students.

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More evaluation centres

To facilitate speedy PU results, the department has increased the number of evaluation centres for the second PU examination. Last year, there were 65 evaluation centres, but this time, there are more than 75 centres. The second PU exam commenced on March 1 and will continue until March 22. The decision to increase assessment centres was driven by the need to expedite the evaluation process, leading to quicker result announcements. An official said, "This expansion aims to streamline the evaluation process, ensuring that the assessments are completed promptly after the PU exams conclude. It is anticipated that the results will be available sooner than before."

The rationale behind this increase in assessment centres can be attributed to several factors, one of them being the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, which played a crucial role in promoting the establishment of more assessment centres, particularly for pre-university examinations. "Additionally, with three exams scheduled for the second PU, having more centres facilitates the registration process for the remaining two examinations and provides students with more options for further education. Last year, there were nine evaluation centres each in the Bengaluru North and Bengaluru City divisions. However, this year, in addition to increasing the number of centres in these areas, a new division called Bengaluru Rural with 15 assessment centres has been introduced," said an official.

This decision also takes practical considerations into account, such as the water scarcity issue in Bengaluru, which could pose challenges for students travelling from other towns. By increasing the number of assessment centres, the workload can be managed more efficiently, ensuring the timely completion of evaluation tasks. An evaluator said that this will lead to faster completion of tasks due to reduced travel constraints and improved logistics.

> **"Despite strict measures, there were reports of malpractice during last year's exams, leading to the suspension of a few teachers** – Official

The number of students appearing for the secondary PU examination has slightly decreased from 7.26 lakh in 2023 to 6.98 lakh in 2024. "Despite this decrease, the establishment of evaluation centres stresses the commitment to providing efficient evaluation services and maintaining a smooth examination procedure for all candidates across different regions. These adjustments in evaluation centre distribution reflect a proactive approach to accommodating the evolving needs of students and ensuring the integrity of the exam system," added an official.

High Court says not to take precipitative action against shops

Single-judge bench observes that Karnataka government's 60% Kannada signage rule for establishments is 'prima facie untenable'

The Karnataka High Court has restrained the state government from taking any precipitative action against commercial establishments that fail to adhere to the rule that required 60 per cent of the signboard to be in Kannada and said the matter required further consideration.

A single-judge bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna on Monday observed that the Karnataka government's 60 per cent Kannada signage rule under the recently passed law is 'prima facie untenable'. He even maintained that the matter would require further consideration and a statement of objection by the state. The High Court was hearing a petition filed by the Retailers' Association of India challenging the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development (Amendment) Act, 2024, which stipulates that 60 per cent of the signage or nameplates in the state should be in Kannada.

The decision was taken after the pro-Kannada organisations went on a rampage in 2023 and vandalised many shops, business establishments, and hotels for allegedly not respecting the Kannada language. **— PTI**

Lethal display

Weapons seized by Kodigehalli police displayed at the Police Commissioner's office, on Tuesday

Another food street to get shot in the arm

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After the renovation of VV Puram and Gandhi Nagar, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) along with DULT has proposed renovations on Sanjayanagar food street. Officials have considered the site seeing a rise in the number of vehicles parking in the area.

The Sanjayanagar food street is expected to get a complete makeover making way for more pedestrian access and slow streets. The evening market in the area is popular and sees the hustle from late afternoon till late night. The food street is located abutting the Sanjaynagar main road. The abutting land use includes water tank land, a new maternity home which is under construction and commercial shops. However, DULT officials noted that there are no residences located on the street.

Food carts start coming on this street from 4 pm, while a few of the food carts are parked by the roadside all day and open for business in the evenings. This street lends itself to a makeshift public space with food stalls and can attract large crowds if organised well. Hence, redesigning of the food street has been taken up to better organise the ongoing food vending activities and improve the public realm for people visiting this street.

According to DULT data, the place sees 71 two-wheelers, seven four-wheelers and six auto rickshaws daily. The area sees peak traffic from 4 pm to 10 pm.

A few pedestrian crossings have been proposed; Dustbins and LED street lights will be installed

To enable a comfortable food street eating experience, BBMP has proposed a slew of measures. Currently, 5.5m of carriageway has been provided and it will be laid with pavers and 1.5m-1.8m of footpath will be provided. A dedicated space for the vendor will be provided with a 1.5m paving space. The food street will be operational in a time-based manner and will be operational between 4 pm and 10 pm. During this period, crowd control barricades will be placed and vehicular movement will be closed between the periods.

Additionally, for better lighting and improved safety, BBMP will provide low-height street lights on streets. Additionally, there will be on-street parking for cycles, and two-wheelers for the food street area. A parking lot with increased capacity would be identified within walking distance for visitors.

Govt depts advised to stick to tender route

The finance department has issued a circular regarding various departments and public undertakings missing out on carrying out the tender process under Section 4(g) of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act which allows tender exemptions. Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) LK Atheeq has noted that the rule must only be used for "extremely necessary and urgent" circumstances. The circular that runs into five pages was released right before the election code of conduct.

'Projects worth ₹4,721 cr awarded without tender'

BNP claims that the BBMP is 'misusing' the 4(g) clause of the KTPP Act, eliminating the tendering process

Members of BNP said there was no necessity to give so many projects to KRIDL, which was only roping in sub-contractors

BM had reported about civic projects being awarded without tender in September 2020

The circular said, "Goods and services for annual and pre-determined events such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Rajyotsava, Jayantis, Dasara and film festivals must be procured through a tender process."

"Proposals under Section 4(g) should not be submitted for civil works whose rates are inclusive of contractors' profits and overhead charges... By awarding works to contractors under Section 4(g), the government may lose out on the profit of deriving competitive rates," it added. The finance department has noted that many organisations, without any fixed rates, work on building detailed project reports (DPR). It said that the price finalised by the organisation might not be justified. However, it can be ensured through the process of tender.

Along with this, the department has instructed that goods and services which were being procured through the tender process until now cannot suddenly be exempted from the tender process. It has also banned post-facto approvals for goods and services that have procured approvals without tenders being held. Disciplinary action will be taken against those who are found to be violating or misusing the Sec 4(g). **BMB**

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Chikkabanavara Lake is set to get back into flow

Groundwater table expected to rise in 10-km radius as sewage draining has begun, silt removal to follow

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The long overdue rejuvenation of Chikkabanavara Lake began a few days ago. If completed on time, the groundwater table is expected to improve in a 10-km radius of the water body thus mitigating water woes at Chikkabanavara and surrounding villages in Dasarahalli Assembly constituency.

"With the silt building up on the lakebed for more than a decade, the water table around the lake has been depleted. It resulted in many borewells either drying up or having insufficient water yield during summer. As of now, stagnant water is being let out of the lake," said Chikkabanavara Town Municipal Council engineer Sumathi. Last week, the authorities made arrangements to release the stagnant water from the lake. Water hyacinth covers the lake due to the sewage in it. "We will remove the silt after draining out sewage water from the lake. It will facilitate percolation of water in the lake thus increasing the ground water table in the lake's vicinity," she added.

Meanwhile, Dasarahalli MLA, S Muniraju has said that the rejuvenation of the lake was pending for quite a long time and people from four villages, including Somashettyhalli, Ganigarahalli and others have approached him for rejuvenation of the lake. "The BDA is spending around Rs 12 crore apart from Chikkabanavara Town Municipal Council spending around Rs 2 crore. As of now, draining of sewage water from the lake has begun. The silt has been accumulated in the lake for many years. Apart from removing the silt from the lake, there is a plan to develop a walking path around the lake for the benefit of people," said Muniraju.

"The rejuvenation of the lake has been pending for a quite long time. The condition of the lake has been very bad. Water yield of borewells around the lake has receded. I hope the water table will increase as soon as the rejuvenation of the lake is completed," said C Naveen Kumar, a resident of Chikkabanavara.

> **"The BDA is spending around Rs 12 crore apart from Chikkabanavara Town Municipal Council spending around Rs 2 crore** – S Muniraju, MLA

Expressing a similar opinion, Dileep Simha of Parisara Balaga has said that sewage has been flowing into the lake all these years and now the authorities have made arrangements for the diversion of sewage. "We have been meeting the elected representatives and the concerned authorities seeking rejuvenation of the lake for more than five years now. The lake was one of the major problems of our area alongside garbage disposal. The rejuvenation will be a great help for people residing around the lake. I want the authorities concerned to stop flowing sewage into the lake in future," said Simha.

Residents of Chikkabanavara urged the authorities to take appropriate measures for completing the rejuvenation of the lake as per the schedule. If all goes as per the plan, the rejuvenation work is expected to be completed in 18 months including the monsoons. "I am waiting for the lake to get filled with clean water in the future. If the lake is filled with rain water, we will not have a water crisis in future," said Girish Kumar H, a resident of Chikkabanavara.

Officials look on as hyacinth and sewage removal work begins at Chikkabanavara Lake a few days ago

En route to school: Road to safety

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With a significant number of students walking to school after deboarding from bus stops and their individual residences, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) is planning Safe Routes to School (SRTS) to make commuting safer for children. With over six schools on Sanjaynagar Main Road, DULT has proposed these interventions on eight roads. The roads with a minimum width of five metres will have a 100-metre-long school zone, road humps, signage, and speed limits.

Within 250m of the Sanjaynagar Main Road radius, DULT officials have found Princeton High School, Sree Vidyashree School, Florence High School, Millennium Public School, Akai Public School, and Kuvempu Adarsha Public School; thereby, SRTS have been proposed for Sweet Water Well Road, Narayanappa Road, 10th Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Akai Public School Road, Sanjaynagar Main Road, Munneshwara Temple Road, and Adarsha Public School Road.

While the interventions will be road and road-width-specific, the proposal will follow some general principles for all roads. About 100m on either side of the school gate will be designated as a 'School Zone.' The start and end of the school zone will be informed to the road users through appropriate and distinct signage and road markings, so that people driving their vehicles through these areas are alerted and will slow down, which in turn enhances the safety of children walking around the school. Additionally, road humps will be deployed in the school zone stretch, as a physical means to slow down vehicular traffic. Lower speed limits will be strictly enforced by the police, especially during school's opening and closing hours, when many children congregate around the school gates. The roads leading to the schools from nearby bus stops will have safe walking paths that are physically protected from vehicle encroachment through the use of railings, bollards, or curbs. All junctions along the safe route to school routes will have proper marking and signage to facilitate safe road crossing.

The designated road will have road humps, zebra crossing, shoulder kerb marking, bollards to secure footpaths for children, and school zone stamping 'Drive Slow School Zone' on the road. Each bollard will be placed at a distance of 0.6m to discourage the entry of two-wheelers and parking. The school zone will be activated from 9 am to 5 pm and with a 30 kmph speed limit.

Additionally, stretches with dismantled pavers on footpaths will also be fixed by DULT to ensure safe pedestrian access for students. On a case-by-case basis, DULT would also take up some interventions for the improvement of bus stations and incorporate cycle stands.

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Smoky roads

Venkateshappa Layout

With only select areas being cleaned by the pourakarmikas, the negligence by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is leading to burning of waste on roads, in Venkateshappa Layout, Babusapalya.

Bamboozled

Banashankari

No action has been taken in Banashankari Stage II to prohibit blatant alcohol advertising.

Hampered pathway

OMBR Layout

Commercial establishments encroach upon footpaths and roads in OMBR Layout's fourth main road, BBMP Ward 50, Benniganahalli.

Puppy killer convicted, animal activists celebrate

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In a victory for animal activists and lovers, a case filed at JP Nagar police station against the accused for killing a puppy by strangling it and dumping it in the drain at the Ragigudda has finally seen justice, with the accused being convicted.

This is one of the rare cases where justice has been served, as most cases filed for harming animals often go without any action taken.

The accused, Kabbalamma, was charged with offences under Sections 429, 504, and 506 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Section 429 of the IPC prohibits causing harm to livestock or animals that hold significant economic value. It implies that intentionally causing injury or death to such animals, regardless of the means used, is considered a criminal offence. Section 504 of the IPC pertains to intentional insult with the intent to provoke a breach of the peace, while Section 506 addresses the offence of criminal intimidation.

Following the proceedings, the accused, through an application under Section 253(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), sought permission to plead guilty.

The court, exercising its powers under Section 253(1) of the CrPC, accepted the plea of guilt from the accused. The accused admitted to the offence punishable under Section 429 of the IPC and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 1,000. Additionally, the accused was convicted for offences under Sections 504 and 506 of the IPC and was sentenced to pay fines of Rs 500 each.

Therefore, the total fine imposed on the accused amounted to Rs 2,000. Failure to comply with this directive would result in the accused undergoing simple imprisonment for a duration of 30 days.

The FIR was filed by Blossom Dsouza with the support of organisations and communities such as Charlie's Animals Rescue Centre (CARE), South Bangalore Cares, and The Mini Forest Commune, backed by lawyer Allwyn Sebastian.

"The group believes this is a significant win for the animal welfare community. Very few animal cruelty cases make it beyond the police station. The JP Nagar police are diligent and serious about such cases. Although the convict is left to pay a fine of Rs 3,500 or face imprisonment, the fact that she is a criminal convict on record is a significant win in itself and hopefully, this verdict discourages more people from committing cruel acts and becoming convicts. The laws are in favour of animals," said a member from all three communities.

Alwyn Sebastian, an Animal Rights Lawyer, said, "This is one of the very few instances where the accused has been proven guilty. Many cases of animal harm go underreported or without action. However, in this case, Blossom D'Souza's relentless pursuit made a difference. The requirement for the accused to repeatedly visit the police station and court served as its own punishment. With a fine of Rs 3,500 and a two-year legal battle, justice prevailed. This is a testament to the power of complaints and reporting in seeking justice."

Human-animal conflict is proving tad too costly

K'taka Forest Department paid over Rs 5.38 crore for human-wildlife conflict cases in 2023 alone

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The compensation paid for wildlife-related losses in Bengaluru is turning out to be a significant amount this year. According to data from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), from April to December 2023, the region recorded five human deaths, 4,625 cases of crop damage, and 685 cattle deaths in human-wildlife conflict cases. These incidents have resulted in the department paying over Rs 5.38 crore as compensation, the second-highest ex-gratia amount released in the state, following only Kodagu.

Overall, in just nine months this year, Karnataka has already paid over Rs 29.69 crore for 26,658 human-wildlife conflict cases. These cases include crop damages, cattle killed, human deaths, permanent and partial disabilities, injuries, and property losses. In 2022-23, KFD had released Rs 34.13 crore under ex-gratia.

According to official data, while 19,120 conflict cases were recorded in 2018-19, this number surged to over 40,000 in 2022-23. In 2019-20, 23,480 cases were registered, followed by 28,559 cases in 2020-21 and 36,982 human-wildlife conflict cases in 2021-22.

Notably, Karnataka recently doubled the ex-gratia amount both for crop damage and life loss.

Experts say this increase in compensation would be beneficial only when coupled with other measures such as a crackdown on forest encroachment and wildlife habitat consolidation.

A 10-year-old leopard that was roaming in and around Kanakapura for two months was captured in June 2023 (file photo)

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"The reason behind high cattle and human death cases in Bengaluru is encroachment and illegal diversion of forest land. A lot of encroachments have happened in Ramanagara, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, and Bengaluru Urban divisions, leading to high conflict and thus higher ex-gratia. Unless forests are protected from encroachments, such cases will keep increasing. While human-animal conflict cannot be mitigated completely, it can be reduced to a large extent through these measures," said a city-based wildlife conservationist.

Experts also underline the priority given to plantation activities instead of wildlife habitat restoration and conservation. They say instead of spending crores of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds on plantation activities in the Western Ghats and other areas, the department should focus on restoring wildlife corridors and habitats.

"The need of the hour is to purchase land from people who are willing to sell. The department should make use of the CAMPA fund to safeguard their habitat. Until then, the cases will only have an upward trajectory as more and more wild animals will keep venturing out. In the majority of the reserves, the CAMPA fund is being utilised for afforestation activities. The department should take up habitat consolidation work instead," said a wildlife activist.

BJP protests assault on trader

Tension gripped Nagarathpete in Bengaluru on Tuesday as the BJP staged a demonstration protesting the assault on a trader by a group of youths. The incident allegedly occurred because the trader played a devotional song loudly in his shop during Azaan (Islamic call for prayer). Two more persons were arrested in connection with the incident.

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje and BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar were among those taken into preventive custody by the police.

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda stated that five people have been arrested in connection with the incident, including two on Tuesday, with one more person yet to be taken into custody.

Police commissioner refutes the allegation of a delay in registering FIR

According to the police, a group of youths objected to Mukesh, the trader, playing the song loudly in his shop on Juma Masjid Road during 'Azaan' on Sunday and assaulted him.

"The attack on the trader playing Hanuman Chalisa is very painful to see. Attempts are being made to disturb peace in society," alleged Kumar.

Bengaluru South Lok Sabha BJP candidate Tejasvi Surya alleged that the police did not register a 'proper FIR' under pressure from the Congress government.

"It was only Mukesh (the trader who was beaten up) who went to the police station and lodged a complaint; facts were inserted in the FIR. We had given the police a timeframe to arrest the accused. Out of six people, five have been arrested. They have assured that the sixth accused will be arrested this evening," said Surya, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha President, told reporters.

Dayananda refuted the allegation of a delay in registering the FIR.

"Soon after learning about the incident, the Deputy Commissioner of Police rushed to the spot, and the case was registered the same evening when the incident took place," Dayananda said. —PTI

City's power demand hits unprecedented highs

Increased dependency on electrical appliances leads to high power consumption in city

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Facing a prolonged dry and hot spell alongside decreased water input, the city has witnessed a significant surge in power consumption. This February, in particular, set a new record for power usage. ML Nagaraj, Chief General Manager (Operation) at Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), said, "The power demand soared in February due to unusually high temperatures in the city. On February 23, we saw the highest power consumption, reaching 8,128 MW, compared to last year's maximum of 7,496 MW. The spike can be attributed to the increased use of air conditioning units and fans, as well as farmers resorting to pump sets to irrigate standing crops in the absence of rainfall."

Officials said that during March 2023, power consumption ranged around 7,740 MW, and it is projected to climb to 8,300 MW in March 2024. This shows that electricity usage in the capital has surged significantly since the onset of summer, with predictions indicating that electricity demand will reach an unprecedented peak by April.

An official said, "The surge in electricity demand within BESCOM can be attributed to heightened usage of electrical appliances, industrial operations, and agricultural pump sets. According to estimates from the Energy Department, Bengaluru requires 40 per cent of the entire state's electricity demand. Presently, the city's daily requirement stands at 157 million units, marking a historical high for BESCOM. Furthermore, this demand is projected to rise by an additional 10 per cent next month. The scorching summer conditions have led to an increased reliance on cooling appliances such as air conditioners, fans, and air coolers across the city. As temperatures rise above 35 degrees Celsius, residents are compelled to use these appliances throughout the day and night to combat the intense heat."

> **A fan typically consumes about 60 watts of power per hour. However, air conditioners can consume anywhere from 700 to 1,000 watts**
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> –BESCOM sources

"The rising power demand is primarily due to the extensive use of air conditioning units. A fan typically consumes about 60 watts of power per hour. However, air conditioners can consume anywhere from 700 to 1,000 watts," noted BESCOM sources.

"Approximately 70 per cent of offices in Bangalore utilise air conditioning systems. Additionally, the prevalence of UPS systems and increased usage of tube wells have also contributed to this record-breaking surge in electricity consumption. The agricultural sector, particularly pump sets, accounts for a significant portion of electricity usage. There are 9.83 lakh electricity connections for agricultural pump sets under BESCOM, compared to 1.78 lakh for industrial purposes and 91.47 lakh for domestic use. The increased demand for electricity in agriculture and horticulture is attributed to the ongoing summer season and drought conditions, prompting farmers to use pump sets more frequently. Monthly consumption stands at 11,340 million units for agricultural pump sets, 7,850 million units for domestic use, and 5,690 million units for industries," added another official.

Residents allege that to manage the heightened demand, intermittent load shedding is being carried out in the city's outskirts under the guise of repair work to regulate electricity consumption. Additionally, the Gruhajyoti scheme, which offers free electricity, has contributed to a three to fourfold increase in electricity consumption as households extensively utilise fans, air conditioners, and air coolers in every room.

Meanwhile, Energy Minister KJ George recently announced that the Pavagada Solar Park 2nd Phase, a 2,000 MW power generation project, is slated for completion within two years. "To address the state's electricity challenges and achieve self-sufficiency, we require the collaboration of local communities for the 2nd phase project with a capacity of 2,000 MW. Pavagada's transformation from a disadvantaged region to a solar energy hub and expressed determination to reclaim the top position globally in solar power generation," he said by adding that there was a need for widespread adoption of solar pump sets among farmers. For this, the state government has enhanced subsidies from 30 per cent to 50 per cent, requiring farmers to contribute only 20 per cent of the total cost. Additionally, the government will provide pumps, meters, and pipes under this scheme.

Volunteers bring water from home for saplings

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Facing a shortage of water tankers, lake volunteers are bringing water in unused cans from home to water the saplings. Many of the saplings grown on lake premises are planted and maintained by the volunteers.

Water shortage might be stumping the rest of Bengaluru, but it's not halting the lake volunteers of KR Puram lakes. Volunteers are bringing nearly 60 litres of water from homes strapped to bikes and scooters to water the saplings along lakes. Many of the lake volunteers have planted the saplings and are trying their level best to safeguard them.

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"With a shortage of water tankers, we are trying to secure and safeguard the saplings near lakes. Earlier, we used to take water from lakes to homes, now we are bringing water from homes to the lakes. Unused cans are used to bring water to individuals' homes to water the saplings. Most of the lakes have also dried up, preventing us from taking water from the lakes," said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

The initiative by the lake activists was started 15 days ago and is likely to continue as Bengaluru struggles with the water crisis.

Balaji has started the movement along with a group of 10 volunteers. Every day, lake volunteers living near 1-2 km of the lake carry nearly 60 litres of water to water the saplings. "I am looking over around 11 lakes in KR Puram. We have now 10 volunteers who are involved with the task. Daily between 6:30 to 8:30 am, volunteers come and water the saplings," he added.

Use petals, not water, this Holi: BAF

Bangalore Apartment Federation advocates floral celebrations to conserve precious water resources amid city's water crisis

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In light of the current situation of water scarcity in the city, the Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF) has recommended that the festival of colours, Holi be celebrated responsibly without scope for any wastage of precious water.

BAF has advised celebrations with flower petals instead of dry or water-colours as a way to avoid the use of water.

Vishnu Gattupalli, general secretary, BAF said, "There has been a shortage of water across the city, it will continue to be a dry summer for another couple of months. BAF has been reviewing the situation and working with the government and agencies like Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to support the most needy residential communities of the city. Next couple of months we will need to use water, especially water for potable purposes, very carefully. In this situation, we have appealed and advised all our member communities to celebrate the festival of colours in a manner not leading to excessive or wasteful use of water"

BAF has suggested opting for natural alternatives like flower petals instead of water-based colours to conserve precious water resources. After the festivities, one can gather the flower petals used during Holi and compost them to nourish the soil.

Odette Katrak, co-founder, of Beautiful Bharat said, "It is heartening to see communities taking decisions that factor in the current water crisis. BAF must be appreciated not just for their proactive guidelines, but also for including an exciting video with such compelling options that make it easier for people to say 'Yes, this I can do!' Seeing the fun flower showers, quite likely many communities would indeed make the shift, without any feeling of compromise."

Raj from Ploggers' Army added, "It's a wonderful thought to celebrate Holi in an eco-friendly way. Gone are the days when people used to play with harmful colours. However, this year's water scarcity makes us to be more mindful not just of the colours but of water too. This should set the trend for all big gatherings in the coming days and ensure water is not wasted in the name of celebration. For that matter any natural resources."

JD(S)-BJP tale twist: No differences, all is well

Day after wondering about alliance, HDK clarifies there is no trust deficit with saffron partner

A day after exhibiting differences, both JD(S) and BJP said that all is well and the alliance was going strong. This is the first time that both the saffron party and the regional party are going for a pre-poll alliance for Lok Sabha polls in the State. However, the differences had cropped up even before the parties could jointly campaign.

On Monday, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy had said that many of his party supporters were wondering why they needed to have an alliance if they had to contest only two out of the 28 parliamentary seats.

However, on Wednesday, Kumaraswamy sang a different tune. He clarified that there was no trust deficit between the two parties. "After the meeting of JD(S) core committee members and leaders yesterday, I shared information about the discussions held within our party regarding the communication gap between the BJP and JD(S) while working together with trust in all 28 Lok Sabha segments.

Regarding seat sharing, we have requested three seats from the beginning. However, there has been no clarity provided by the BJP side, either from its high command or state representatives, regarding the specific number of seats allocated for us to contest. However, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has consistently treated JD(S)'s requests with respect."

Critiquing state Congress chief and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's remarks mocking JD(S)' "situation" post-alliance with BJP, Kumaraswamy stated that Shivakumar was the primary reason for his party opting for this alliance.

"What happened to us (in the alliance with BJP)? BJP did not mistreat me as Congress did," he remarked. Highlighting his challenges as the Chief Minister leading the Congress-JD(S) coalition government previously, he mentioned that Congress repeatedly attempted to tarnish his character while he was addressing people's issues and granting loan waivers to farmers.

Kumaraswamy, criticising Shivakumar for enticing JD(S) workers to Congress and for mocking the fielding of Manjunath, stated that his party workers are not at a stage where they need Congress' "protection."

"I am optimistic about reaching an agreement on the seat-sharing arrangement with our alliance partner JD(S) and addressing concerns raised by rebel BJP leaders

– BY Vijayendra, BJP

He stated, "The government I previously led in alliance with the BJP for 20 months (from January 2006) empowered me to make certain decisions, while in the 14-month government with you (Congress), you tried to dismantle my party and me politically. Can I forget that?"

Referring to his decision to ally with Congress earlier as his "worst decision" in the name of preserving secularism, the former CM accused Congress of "destroying" his father Deve Gowda's 60 years of political legacy.

On the other hand, BJP state unit President BY Vijayendra said, "I am optimistic about reaching an agreement on the seat-sharing arrangement with our alliance partner JD(S) and addressing concerns raised by rebel BJP leaders.

It is natural to encounter differences. Currently, BJP and JD(S) leaders are engaged in discussions regarding the seat-sharing arrangement. I am confident that all issues will be resolved, and the alliance between JD(S) and BJP will continue seamlessly," he added.

JD(S) joined the NDA in September last year and formed an electoral alliance with the BJP. The regional party is expected to contest in three seats—Mandya, Hassan, and Kolar—and as per the agreement between both parties, noted cardiac surgeon and Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr. C N Manjunath has been nominated from Bengaluru Rural on a BJP ticket.

However, recent reports suggest that BJP is hesitant to yield the Kolar seat to JD(S), which has displeased the regional party. The incumbent Kolar MP is BJP's S Muniswamy. **BMB**

Sulking leader will reveal plans today?

Confirming that Congress has sent him feelers, sulking former Karnataka Chief Minister and BJP MP DV Sadananda Gowda on Tuesday said saffron party leaders have also reached out to him and that he will take a decision at an appropriate time.

The 71-year-old former Union Minister, who is upset over being denied the ticket to contest from Bangalore North again, said he has planned to call a press meet tomorrow to "share everything."

"Congress people have asked me, also BJP, what decision has to be taken, I will decide at the appropriate time," Gowda told reporters.

Asked whether BJP high command has contacted him, he said he will share everything tomorrow, "or else there will be nothing to say tomorrow."

Gowda, who had served as Karnataka BJP President in the past, on Monday said he will share his "inner feelings" soon.

Expressing his displeasure over not getting re-nomination and against some party leaders without taking any names, he said "there is nothing left to say that BJP is a party with a difference in Karnataka."

BJP shifted Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, who is currently representing Udupi-Chikmagalur Lok Sabha segment, to contest from Bangalore North.

Gowda had earlier announced his decision to retire from electoral politics, but later backtracked saying that there is pressure on him to contest the election again.

Meanwhile, Gowda, who is a Vokkaliga, one of the dominant communities in the state, met leaders of 'Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha' on Tuesday. **PTI**

Apps, influencers and celebs to entice you to vote

Encouraging the public to use various apps to putting QR codes on voter slips to locate polling booths, the Election Commission is coming out with several initiatives to increase turnout in the coming Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka leveraging technology, EC officials said on Tuesday.

Voter Helpline, 'Know Your Candidate' and updating details about number of voters in queue and kind of parking facilities available at polling booths and an elaborate booth election management plan are among the other measures being taken.

The EC is also collaborating with social media influencers to encourage people to cast their ballot.

Celebrities like head coach of Indian cricket team Rahul Dravid, Jnanpith awardee Dr Chandrashekhara Kambar and Paralympian Girish Gowda are the State election icons.

The general elections in Karnataka will be held in two phases on April 26 and May 7 for its 28 constituencies.

Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena told PTI that out of the 58,834 polling booths, the EC has identified nearly 5,000 polling booths especially those in the urban and Kalyana Karnataka region of the state which have seen very low voting percentage in the previous elections.

According to the final electoral roll 2024 published on March 16, there are a total of 5,42,08,088 electors in Karnataka. There are 2,71,21,407 male voters, 2,70,81,748 female voters and 4,933 third gender voters. As many as 11,24,622 voters are in the 18-19 age group, 6,12,154 are PwD voters and 46,412 are service voters.

Citing the Karnataka Assembly elections held last year, he said the state recorded around 73 per cent voting but in urban areas like those coming under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike where there are 28 Assembly seats, the voting percentage was around 54 per cent almost 20 per cent below the state average.

Some constituencies in the Kalyana Karnataka region also saw the turnout below the state average.

Referring to the voter turnout in the 2019 Parliamentary elections, he said the national average was 66 per cent and in Karnataka, it was 68 per cent; around 20 constituencies were above the national average and eight below it. "So, we have analysed all these things and identified those polling booths - those constituencies which are below national average and those Assembly segments which are below state average and polling booths which are below the average in the Assembly polls. So, all that analysis has been done and our team went to all these polling stations and tried to find out what were the reasons...Why people were not coming out to vote," he said.

To increase voting percentage in such booths, Meena said they have also prepared an elaborate booth management plan to reach out to those people. **PTI**

Meta to operationalise Elections Centre; to curb misinformation, misuse of AI-made content

Facebook and Instagram-owner Meta on Tuesday vowed to crack down on any misinformation and misuse of AI-generated content during general elections in India, saying it will remove them if they suppress voting, incite violence and use a network of fact-checkers to label content that is fake, altered or manipulated.

Meta said it will operationalise an India-specific Elections Operations Centre, bringing together experts from across the organisation to identify potential threats and put specific mitigations in place across its apps and technologies in real-time.

The social media giant said it is building tools to label AI-generated images from Google, OpenAI, Microsoft, and others that users post to Facebook, Instagram and Threads, as the social media giant pledged its commitment towards election integrity efforts ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

The general election is scheduled to be held in seven phases starting from April 19, and results will be declared on June 4.

Meta said it firmly believes that it is important for people to know when photorealistic content has been created using AI, adding it already labels

photorealistic images created using 'Meta AI' by putting visible markers that can be seen on the images, and both invisible watermarks and metadata embedded within image files.

"We are also building tools to label AI-generated images from Google, OpenAI, Microsoft, Adobe, Midjourney, and Shutterstock that users post to Facebook, Instagram and Threads," Meta said in a blogpost titled 'How Meta Is Preparing For Indian General Elections 2024'.

"We are dedicated to the responsible use of new technologies like GenAI and collaborating with industry stakeholders on technical standards for AI detection, as well as combating the spread of deceptive AI content in elections through the Tech Accord," it said.

The social media giant said the India-specific Elections Operations Centre will bring together experts from across the company from intelligence, data science, engineering, research, operations, content policy and legal teams, to identify and mitigate threats in real-time across its apps and technologies.

Meta said that starting this year, the company also requires advertisers globally to disclose when they use AI or digital methods to create or alter a political or social issue ad in certain cases.

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'42% graduates under 25 years of age unemployed'

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3.8 percentage points," the study noted. It revealed that 42% of graduates under the age of 25 are unemployed.

The study further stated that an expert committee on wages, set up by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, led by Anoop Satpathy in 2019, said that the national minimum floor wages in India should be at least Rs 375 per day.

This was calculated based on the amount of money needed to ensure a balanced diet for each person. In addition to the minimum wages, the committee also recommended an additional housing allowance of Rs 1,430 per month for urban workers.

"However, none of these recommendations were adopted by the Government of India and no official reason was provided. In 2023, the weekly national minimum floor wages would be Rs 3,050," the study pointed out.

A stark observation regarding national wealth has been made as follows: In 2012, 63% of the national wealth was held by the top 10%. This has increased to 64.5% in 2022. In 2012, the bottom 50% held 6.1% of the national wealth. This has further reduced to 5.6% in 2022.

The study has suggested that to ensure non-negotiable justiciable socio-economic rights such as right to food for all, right to employment with living wages and timely payment of wages for all, and right to free and quality healthcare among others, a total allocation of 10% of the GDP for social security would be required.

"In addition to the current sources of funding, these can be funded through a wealth tax of 2% and a 33% inheritance tax on the top 1% of the population," the study recommended.

Flyover to be ready by December

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18 months, and the civic body had then announced that it was looking at wrapping up the project within a year. However, it has missed multiple deadlines since then. The flyover is expected to be inaugurated by December this year.

Officials from the road infrastructure department of the BBMP had earlier informed BM that the delays have happened due to various reasons such as a shortage of construction raw materials and labour.

However, the slow pace of the project had irked residents and regular commuters.

"As a citizen who uses the stretch daily, you start to wonder if there is a light at the end of the tunnel. There is hardly any work going on at the site. With elections around the corner, political parties have different priorities and it is the citizens who suffer the most. The project was launched with big promises by BBMP. However, the civic agency has failed to deliver yet again," said V Selvarajan, a regular commuter.

Commuters lamented that with the current pace of work, respite from traffic woes in the upcoming monsoon season will remain a pipe dream.

Once completed, the flyover will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka police station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8 km stretch will give its users signal-free passage too.

> It was absolutely amazing. When they won it (WPL), we were watching. Hopefully, we can double it up with the trophies and that will be something special —Virat Kohli

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Backroom brainstorming behind RCB's WPL triumph, says skipper Mandhana

After Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) title triumph in the Women's Premier League (WPL) captain Smriti Mandhana has revealed the painstaking preparations that had gone into turning the dream into reality.

From brainstorming the kind of dressing room culture to having a dedicated communication group for the Indian domestic players in the off-season, RCB left no stone unturned in this labour of love that eventually on Sunday.

It was a night of multiple triumphs for RCB. The players showcased their peak performance in the pivotal tournament finale, adeptly seizing opportunities with the ball to limit Delhi Capitals to a modest total of 113. They then demonstrated prowess with the bat, efficiently chasing the target with only two wickets down.

In addition to winning the Fair Play award, RCB also swept the individual awards in a historic first in the WPL, taking the Orange Cap for most runs 347 (Ellyse Perry), Purple Cap for most wickets 13 and Emerging Player of the Tournament (both Shreyanka Patil).

The day after RCB lifted the WPL trophy, captain Smriti said a year of meticulous planning and strategising on and off the field led the team to ultimate glory. "The first thing, they were like, this is your team and build it the way you want to do it and set the culture. That was the biggest thing for me.

"And the second thing was that we really want to set a good culture in terms of, happy and positive stuff. So that was a big thing in terms of planning, how we want the team environment to be," Smriti said.

"Then the second bit of planning, where we started chalking down names, started tracking players, like Sophie Molineux was injured last year. So, we had to track her, whether she's doing fine, what's happening. (Coach) Luke (Williams) being from Australia really helped," she added.

Talking about the importance of the numerous training camps organised by RCB over the past year, the RCB skipper said, "One very good thing RCB did was they conducted several camps last year. Training camps, fitness camps, batting and bowling-specific camps, that was also part of our planning. Our plan was to give a platform to domestic cricketers so that they were completely ready for this level."

RCB captain Smriti Mandhana with the trophy at the RCB Unbox event, at Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday; RCB men's team gives a guard of honour; fans celebrate

"Over the past one year we did a lot of video calls together. We had a group of our own Indian domestic girls and whenever they needed something we were all always there," she said. "So if you are working for a year, your job becomes easier when the season arrives. Once the season starts, it becomes a bit hard to put in that kind of work. So RCB worked on them for a year, and that really paid off a lot in terms of how they were confident," concluded Smriti. **–IANS**

'What Kohli has achieved for India is remarkable'

RCB skipper Smriti Mandhana feels it's not right for people to undermine Virat Kohli's achievements for the Bengaluru franchise in the wake of her side's Women's Premier League title triumph here recently.

The Mandhana-led RCB defeated Delhi Capitals to lift the WPL trophy in only their second year, while their male counterparts, led by the charismatic Kohli for nearly a decade before he stepped down, haven't had success in the 16 years of IPL.

"The title is one thing, but what he (Kohli) has achieved for India is remarkable. So, I don't think that comparison is right in terms of where my career is and what he has already achieved," Mandhana told the media on Tuesday.

"The reason why I do not like the comparison is that what he has achieved is great; he has been an inspirational person. A title does not define a lot of things; we all respect him and I feel like the respect has to be right up there for Virat. So, there is nothing different from me as well," said the India vice-captain.

Both Mandhana and Kohli wear No. 18 jerseys and the left-handed batter said drawing comparison between the two based on that was unwarranted.

"I would not term it as an 18 comparison. The jersey number is just a personal choice; my birth date is 18th and I have 18 on my back... it does not define how he plays or (how) I play my cricket. He's been an inspiration to us in a lot of aspects, so I would not say title should define anything," she added.

Mandhana felt that the men's counterparts had always played good competitive cricket but an IPL title had eluded them. "I think, to be fair, the men's team has also played good cricket in the last 16 years; it is not like they have not played well. I don't think the comparison is right. RCB is a franchise; let's treat the men's and women's teams separately because we don't want to be compared.

"They are good at what they do. We are good at what we do," she added. **–PTI**

Looking to push boundaries, literally

Shafali Verma shimmied down the track and deposited off-spinner Ashleigh Gardner's slot-ball on the off-stump 91 metres over wide long-on for a six, the longest of this year's Women's Premier League.

That nearly 20 seconds of explosive moment underlined the fast-evolving landscape of women's cricket -- the increasing infiltration of power and fitness.

But it has also accentuated the talk about the possibility of stretching the boundary perimeter similar to that in men's cricket.

"Yeah, we have seen some big sixes getting hit this year in the WPL, and a lot of chat is going on about pushing back the boundary lines (in the tournament). The increasing power limit of players is obvious, thanks to their focus on fitness.

"But for that (increasing the length of boundary), detailed discussion with players, coaches etc is needed as ultimately, they have the biggest say in matters related to playing conditions," a BCCI official told PTI on condition of anonymity.

Irrespective of the future course of action, there is a lot of merit in the argument to standardise the boundary size in women's and men's cricket, considering the players' increasing ability to clear the ropes.

The WPL 2023 saw a total of 159 sixes, whereas there were 168 maximums a year later and Indian batters biffed 98 of them.

RCB Women's players celebrate with trophy after beating Delhi Capitals, on Sunday

Former India player Mamtha Maben gave an explanation.

"What I have seen is the step-up by domestic (Indian) players in terms of fitness and power. It reflected in their batting and fielding. I saw a few of them hammering big sixes.

"There is some more road to travel but there is a marked improvement from last year to this year in their performance, regardless of the boundary size," Maben, now a consultant with Namibia women's cricket team, told PTI.

A deep dive into the dimensions of the M Chinnaswamy Stadium and Arun Jaitley Stadium, venues where WPL 2024 was played, is necessary to see the finer points.

The normal boundary lengths at the Chinnaswamy, where the first part of this iteration of WPL was held, are 64-63m on the square of the wicket, 76-68m in the 'V' towards the media box while 56m on either flank behind the wicketkeeper.

But during the WPL, the shortest boundary mark was shrunk to 47 metres, and it had made the task of captains harder as batters comfortably cleared that distance.

It became doubly difficult to contain left-handers when they batted from that end as even a small dab or tuck could make the ball race to the fence on the quick Bengaluru outfield. Delhi Capitals captain Meg Lanning stressed on that point.

"It is a nightmare having a 40-metre boundary on one side. That is one thing I haven't necessarily enjoyed as a captain. "We could look at potentially having slightly bigger boundaries. If it is even all the way around, that makes sense," Lanning had said ahead of the WPL final against RCB. **–PTI**

Girl child: Adoptions on rise as more abandoned

Child rights activists tell SC numbers not high because couples prefer to adopt female children, but it is just that more girls are 'available'

More girls are abandoned or surrendered in the country, leading to the rise in their adoptions as against male ones, and there is no such trend of them being preferred, child rights activists said. According to the recent affidavit filed by the director of the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) in the Supreme Court, a total of 15,536 children and youth of both genders up to the age of 18 years were adopted in 11 states between 2021 and 2023 under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act (HAMA).

The parents adopted 9,474 girls in comparison to 6,012 boys during this period, indicating a rise in the number of adoptions for girls.

The CARA is a statutory body of the Union ministry of women and child development and works as the nodal agency for the adoption of children in the country. It is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.

There is no such trend but more girls are abandoned so that is why availability is high for adoption, the experts told PTI.

Availability of more girl children results in their more adoption, said Bharti Ali, co-founder and the executive director of HAQ: Centre for Child Rights. "This (rise) may be because there are more girls available, more daughters are dumped," she said.

Child rights activist Enakshi Ganguly concurred with Ali's views and said, "That's because more girls are abandoned or surrendered and, hence, more (are) available for adoption." The CARA, in its affidavit, gave details of the children falling under five categories -- orphan, abandoned, surrendered, unfit parents and non-visitation -- who are available for adoptions in the country, according to the data provided by certain states. A total number of 20,673 children (under the age group of 7-11 years and 12-18 years) have been identified so far in the states and Union Territories (UTs) during an identification drive comprising the five categories, it said. Ten states and UTs -- Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jammu Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Manipur -- have not provided the data on total adoptions taken place during the period. In Punjab, a total of 7,496 adoptions were registered under the HAMA. Out of them, 4,966 were girls and 2,530 were boys. In Telangana, the couples preferred male children for adoption under the HAMA.

"Availability of more girl children results in their more adoption. This (rise) may be because there are more girls available, more daughters are dumped – Bharti Ali, activist

The top court, on March 15, voiced displeasure over the failure to set up Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) meant to streamline the adoption process of abandoned and surrendered children in 370 districts across the country. It warned the states and UTs of "coercive steps" for non-compliance of its directions.

It lamented that out of 760 districts in the country, 370 do not have functional SAAs, a necessary legal requirement under the Juvenile Justice Act. The bench also asked the states and the UTs to provide the latest data by April 7 to the Union ministry of women and child development on setting up of SAAs and the number of adoptions, saying that it wanted to know whether the court orders have made any difference on the ground or not. The apex court was hearing a PIL by "The Temple of Healing" which sought simplification of the legal process for child adoption in India, saying only 4,000 adoptions take place annually in the country. – PTI

'Devote more CSR funds to animal welfare'

On occasion of ET awards for corporate excellence, Times Evoke founder Meera Jain spoke about need for more efforts from corporates towards animal welfare. Here are some of her thoughts:

Amidst the glittering crystal and gleaming damask of the ET Awards for Corporate Excellence came an unusual address. "My keynote today is to unlock your conscience," said Meera Jain, founder of Evoke. Mentioning startling numbers — "1,50,000 animals perish each minute" — she outlined the Sixth Extinction, a manifestation of the Anthropocene, the era of human impacts reshaping Earth. "Humanity has wiped out 60% of the world's wildlife since 1970," she stated, adding ironically, "That's thanks to Alfred Nobel's gunpowder. So much for the Nobel Prize"

However, humans can stop this apocalypse. She mentioned praiseworthy initiatives from the world of enterprise seeking to help nonhuman species. She described a visit to Vantara, the animal rescue and rehabilitation centre established by Anant Ambani. Vantara provides world-class care to species rescued from poachers, wildlife traffickers and circuses globally. Its devotion to endangered animals shows humanity at its best, she remarked. She lauded Ratan Tata's hospital for dogs and animals in Mumbai and urged directors of Tata companies to devote more CSR funds to animal welfare.

"Many of us here are engaged in succession planning," she mentioned, explaining how, while seeking to smoothly hand over their life's work to the next generation, humans can fall prey to speciesism. "This is the illusion that only human lives matter because only humans can create value." She then spotlighted how nature's ecosystems generate tremendous value, with animals providing stability and abundance to our planet. "Industry relies on the conservation of nature," she emphasised, explaining "the real math underpinning our existence". She then urged a "focus on all life in CSR". This could alter spheres, from entertainment to the military industrial complex, inspiring humans to see non-human lives not as commodities but as "an anthology of loss". The extinction crisis is real but it can be transformed into a story of rejuvenation through corporate efforts. "These", she said, "would be ethical, evocative — and — and smart business." – ET Bureau

CAA: SC asks Centre to respond to applications seeking stay

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to respond within three weeks to applications seeking a stay on implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 till the apex court disposes of the pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. The apex court, however, refused to stay the operation of the Rules that would give effect to the CAA, as sought by a battery of senior advocates representing the petitioners. The Centre, on its part, told the bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the CAA does not take away the citizenship of any person.

The bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, issued notice to the Centre on the 20 applications seeking a stay on the implementation of the Rules returnable within three weeks. "We are not expressing any prima facie view… We have to hear the petitioners, we have to hear the other side," the bench observed and posted the matter for hearing on April 9.

The Centre had on March 11 paved the way for the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, with the notification of the relevant rules, four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track Indian citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

During the hearing on Tuesday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said there are over 230 petitions in the matter, and after the rules came into force, 20 applications seeking stay have been filed. "Just to satisfy your lordships' conscience that there is no prejudice to the petitioners because none of the petitioners as such are affected parties, not that I am challenging the locus, it (CAA) does not take away citizenship of anyone. The law which they are seeking stay of, does not take away citizenship of any person," Mehta said, while seeking four weeks to respond to the applications.

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Senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for the petitioners, said the Centre should make a statement that pending the hearing, no one will be given citizenship. "They are entitled to tell us to give us a little time to file a counter. We may give them some time to file responses to the applications," the bench said.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, also appearing for the petitioners, said,"The problem is, if any process of citizenship starts and somebody gets citizenship, then it would be impossible to reverse it for several reasons and these petitions will become infructuous," Sibal said, adding, "Therefore, that process should not start".

He said four weeks for filing reply to applications for stay was a lot of time. When Mehta said the petitioners would not be prejudiced if someone is granted or refused citizenship, Jaising said, "That is not the issue. The issue is the constitutionality of law." – PTI

Outstanding achievers in the field of education honoured

Neenasam Sathish calls for propagation of the concept of universal humanity

VK-BM Education Excellence Awards presented

The 'VK-BM Education Excellence Award-2023' was presented to the achievers at a function organised at a private hotel in Bengaluru

> **Learning is a continuous process and there is no end to it. A school means not just a beautiful building, excellent furniture, stadium, etc., but along with it a place to get quality education. Today, wealthyness is not measured by money, but by knowledge. The aim of our organization is to publish news that will take the state and the country towards development. Karnataka has the highest number of engineering and medical colleges. Karnataka is at the forefront of education in the country. I am happy that the educational institutions here are being recognised and awarded.**
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> **—Deepak Saluja, CEO, Vijay Karnataka & Bangalore Mirror**

29 achievers from the state were felicitated with the Vijay Karnataka 'Education Excellence- 2023' award for their outstanding achievements in the field of education.

Actor Neenasam Sathish, who presented the award at a function held at a private hotel in the city, said, "Educational institutions have a great power to change the lives of children. If that energy is channeled in the right direction, the future of the children will be bright.

Therefore, teachers and educationalinstitutions should impart moral education to children with human values along with the curriculum," he said.

"Today's education system has restricted students to scoring marks. Teachers and parents also give top priority to scoring marks. This increases the pressure on the children and also diminishes their thinking power," he said.

"Children are considered as divinesubjects of God. If children who are born so innocently grow up to the extent that they indulge in corruption, theft and terrorism and destroy the country, then we need to introspect what kind of education we are imparting. Home is the first schoolfor any child. Therefore, parents and teachers should inculcate human values in children from an early age," he said.

The event was inaugurated by actor Neenasam Sathish. Deepak Saluja, CEO, Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, Sudarshan Channangihalli, Editor, VK were present

The concept of universal human being

"Identifying people by caste and religion is being done in the society. This will have a bad effect on the future of children. This is leading thechildren in the wrong direction. Is it possible to save the country, its land, water, language with such education?" he asked, adding, "There is no end to caste discrimination.

Therefore, children should be educated to live with mutual love, trust, trust and question wrong." "Kuvempu's concept of universal humanity should be adopted in education and it should be instilled in the minds of children. No one in the world is superior, no one is inferior.

Neenasam Sathish

There is no distinction between rich and poor. All are equal. There is no religion in the universeother than human religion. The urgent need of the hour is to impart awareness to children that we are all one and live together," he said.

Social Concern

Speaking on the occasion, Sudarshan Channangihalli, Editor, Vijay Karnataka, said, "Vijay Karnataka is constantly working to alert the government and the people towards the development of the state. In addition, it recognizes and encourages achievers in various fields such as agriculture, education, medicine, etc. It is constantly organising one or the other event for social causes."

"There is a lot of negativity in the society. Even in such an atmosphere many people go through a lot of struggle to achieve big in life. This award is being given with the good intention of identifying and encouraging such achievers and also to let others dream of achieving something big," he said.

"Vijay Karnataka is continuously working to make students read more by organizing programmes like Vijayibhava, a debate competition to allay the fear of exams among the students and to make them mentally prepared," he said.

Educational service of Lakshmi Reddy through Vision PU College

Embarking on the journey of undergraduate education marks a pivotal moment in every student's life, setting the course for their future endeavors. Amidst the myriad of choices, Vision PU College in Bengaluru emerges as a guiding light for students seeking to realize their aspirations. Founded in 2006-07 by Ram Manohar Reddy, Idamakanti Lakshmi Reddy, and Ravan Boddu, Vision PU College has established itself as a premier institution dedicated to academic excellence and holistic development.

With campuses in Doddagubbi and Bidarahalli hobli, Vision PU College caters to the educational needs of students from diverse backgrounds, offering courses in PCMB, PCMC, PCME, CEBA, and MEBA. Each class, meticulously designed to accommodate students' convenience, fosters an environment conducive to learning and growth. What sets Vision PU College apart is its unwavering commitment to student welfare and success.

Under the visionary leadership of Mr Lakshmi Reddy, the institution extends its educational outreach beyond classroom boundaries, providing free education to underprivileged children and scholarships to rural talent. During the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic, Mr Lakshmi Reddy's philanthropic efforts ensured food security for thousands of families, exemplifying his deep-rooted commitment to social service.

Vision PU College Bengaluru

At Vision PU College, students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, including spacious, air-conditioned classrooms and a student-friendly hostel environment that fosters camaraderie and instills traditional Indian values. The institution's dedicated faculty, comprising skilled educators and mentors, devote over 15 hours a day to student mentorship, guiding them towards academic excellence and personal growth.

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In addition to undergraduate programs, the college provides support for success in the Common Entrance Test (CET) and offers scholarships to deserving students. Scholarships include financial assistance of Rs. 2.5 lakhs for NEET exam scores exceeding 680 marks and Rs. 1 lakh for JEE exam qualifiers. Faculty members dedicate over 15 hours a day to mentoring students, ensuring their success.

Achieving Excellence in Competitive Exams:

The institution's Vision NEET Academy has facilitated the success of over 4350 students in pursuing medical education by preparing them to excel in the NEET exam. Similarly, the Vision Education Institute places emphasis on recruiting skilled lecturers, believing in their profound impact on student learning beyond the classroom. Selection of teaching staff is rigorous, involving tests and interviews to ensure suitability for guiding students effectively. The use of the Idea Board enhances learning outcomes for students preparing for NEET and JEE exams by facilitating error correction and concept reinforcement.

Creating a Home Away from Home:

Vision PU College offers a welcoming hostel environment that fosters a sense of belonging among students. The hostel experience promotes the cultivation of Indian cultural values such as truthfulness, honesty, and respect for elders, while prioritizing the safety and well-being of male and female students alike. Nutritious and delicious meals served in the hostel provide students with the energy they need to persevere in their academic pursuits. The institution's track record speaks volumes, with over 4700 students securing medical admissions through CET and NEET exams, including impressive national and state rankings. Moreover, more than 600 students have gained admission to prestigious institutions like IITs and NITs, reflecting the college's commitment to academic excellence and student success.

> "Parents can enroll their children in Vision PU College with confidence. We ensure that they learn in a nurturing and supportive environment, leading to academic success. Our dedicated teaching staff provides personalized attention to every student, resulting in consistent improvement in academic outcomes year after year."
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GM Global School: Pioneering International Education in Rural India

GM Global School, situated in the picturesque coastal area of Haradi village in Udupi district, is renowned worldwide. It's common knowledge that the urban hustle and bustle often hinder children's learning experiences. However, GM Global School offers a serene Gurukula-style environment conducive to holistic child development. This institution takes immense pride in spearheading an educational revolution based on these principles. With modern teaching methods, top-notch facilities, and a comprehensive educational approach, students from Singapore, the UK, and the Middle East are drawn to GM Global School.

Prakashchandra Shetty, the Chairman and Managing Trustee, embodies the school's motto: "Empowering Minds, Inspiring the Future." His vision and passion for education have propelled GM Global School to its current status. Under his leadership, the school has flourished, boasting a student body of over 3,100 and a faculty of more than 300 experienced professionals.

Having started his career in Bengaluru and later managing Haradi Vidyamandir Kannada Medium School, founded by his father, D. Monappa Shetty, in 1950, Prakashchandra Shetty recognized the need for international-standard education in rural areas. This realization led to the establishment of GM Vidyaniketan School in 2005, followed by the inception of GM Global School in 2021, fulfilling the demand for a residential school with modern amenities.

Mr. Prakashchandra Shetty, Chairman and Managing Trustee

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The school, affiliated with CBSE, focuses on providing comprehensive education for balanced child development. Prakashchandra Shetty emphasizes the importance of innovative learning, skill development, critical thinking, and values alignment with global transitions.

With ISO 9001:2015 certification and accreditation from the British Council, GM Global School has garnered acclaim for its educational quality and continuous innovation. Located near Udupi, the school attracts students from various countries, offering an environment conducive to intellectual, physical, and mental growth.

Sports play a crucial role in the school's curriculum, with training provided in athletics, karate, basketball, tennis, and more. Additionally, the school organizes educational tours and global student exchange programs to facilitate diverse learning experiences.

Prakashchandra Shetty's commitment to lifelong learning has led him to travel abroad, incorporating innovative educational practices into the school's curriculum. Recognized for its outstanding performance, GM Global School has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Impact Award, British Council School Award, and Swachh Vidyalaya Award.

GM Global School's mission to provide global-level education to rural children has transformed it into a beacon of excellence. The success of its alumni, holding esteemed positions nationally and internationally, reflects the school's unwavering commitment to excellence in education. They are proud ambassadors of GM Global School, testament to its enduring legacy.

GM GLOBAL SCHOOL & GM VIDYANIKETAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, Brahmavara, Udupi District

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Presidency Group of Institutions: Open platform for learning & research

PRESIDENCY GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

Presidency School Bangalore North: Nurturing Excellence in Education

Within the vibrant educational landscape of Bengaluru, Presidency School Bangalore North stands out as a beacon of excellence. Part of the esteemed Presidency Group of Educational Institutions, this school is dedicated to providing top-notch education to students across the region. Nestled in the rapidly expanding Yelahanka, Presidency School offers a sprawling campus designed to foster open learning and innovation. Here, students are encouraged to explore, think freely, and engage in a dynamic educational journey that goes beyond the confines of traditional classroom settings.

At the heart of Presidency School's philosophy lies a firm belief in the power of early education to shape the future of young minds. Years of meticulous research and dedication have gone into crafting a curriculum that not only meets academic standards but also nurtures holistic development. With modern classrooms adorned in child-friendly colours and ample facilities for outdoor activities, Presidency School provides an enriching environment where students can learn, grow, and forge lasting friendships.

Founded by Dr. Nissar Ahmed with a vision to democratize quality education, Presidency School is committed to providing affordable yet exemplary learning opportunities to all students, irrespective of their backgrounds. While academic excellence is a priority, Dr. Ahmed emphasizes the importance of equipping students with essential life skills and knowledge to thrive beyond the classroom. This student-centered approach has yielded commendable results, with many students consistently ranking as CBSE board toppers year after year.

Beyond academics, Presidency School instills values of empathy, compassion, and understanding in its students, recognizing that true education extends beyond textbooks. The school's mission is to nurture individuals with strong character and a deep sense of empathy towards others, preparing them for success in an ever-changing world. Career counseling begins as early as class 9, guiding students to explore their strengths and weaknesses, paving the way for a successful future beyond their academic journey. In the library, carefully curated books selected by teachers cater to holistic learning experiences. Scheduled visits encourage students to cultivate a love for reading, with older students often reading stories to younger ones, fostering a culture of literacy from an early age. A state-of-the-art laboratory equipped for Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer learning ignites students' interest in science. Utilizing software-based multimedia systems enhances their understanding of complex scientific concepts.

Presidency school boasts outdoor sports facilities such as cricket, football, basketball, and swimming, alongside indoor options like chess, carrom, and table tennis. Kindergarten students participate in annual sports and cultural festivals, while a wide range of activities like Aryabhata Club, Aerobics, and Western Dance Club cater to diverse interests. GPS-equipped buses ensure safe and convenient transportation for students from major areas of Bangalore, allowing parents to track their child's journey. In the event of falls or injuries during school hours, a dedicated treatment center staffed by trained nurses provides immediate care. This service extends to students who fall ill while at school, ensuring their well-being is prioritized at all times.

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Presidency PU College: Where Excellence Meets Opportunity

It was once commonly believed that students from our state struggled to perform well in national-level exams. However, times have changed dramatically. With premier institutions now providing training to our students, they are leaving a significant mark on national-level tests. A prime example of this is Presidency PU College, where students consistently achieve top rankings in national tests like JEE and NEET. Thanks to the guidance provided by experienced teachers at Presidency PU College in Kogilu, Yelahanka, many more students have successfully cracked these tests and secured admissions in nationally renowned institutes of excellence.

Presidency stands out for its inclusive approach to education. At Presidency PU College, our mantra is simple: no student with the potential and desire to excel should be denied the opportunity to do so. With a vast campus, state-of-the-art facilities, and an environment conducive to learning, we are dedicated to nurturing the talents of all our students.

What sets Presidency PU College apart is our diverse range of offerings and specialties. The curriculum is designed to provide holistic learning experiences, offering specialized courses in science and commerce, as well as integrated programs to provide a comprehensive educational journey.

"We embrace technology as a tool for active learning, with digital devices and interactive platforms enhancing the educational experience. Students at Presidency are not just taught; they are inspired to cultivate a passion for learning.

Our campus features well-ventilated classrooms, modern infrastructure, CCTV surveillance, and Wi-Fi facilities, providing students with the ideal environment for academic growth. Fully-equipped laboratories and a digital learning section in the library facilitate hands-on learning and research opportunities. Weekly tests, mock exams, doubt-solving sessions, and academic counseling are just a few of the strategies we employ to support student learning styles and ensure academic success", said Dr Nissar Ahmed, Chancellor, Presidency University.

At Presidency PU College, "we are proud to announce a groundbreaking initiative: teaching students directly by IIT experts. With guidance from esteemed professionals like Prashant Sahay, Pradeep Kumar Megotia, and others, students receive unparalleled preparation for exams like JEE and NEET. Our highly qualified teaching staff is dedicated to helping students excel in PU Board Exams and competitive entrance exams like JEE, NEET, and CET. Additionally, we offer fee concessions and scholarships to deserving students. Whether your interests lie in science or commerce, Presidency PU College has integrated courses tailored to your needs. Our extracurricular activities, including dance, music, and literary clubs, ensure a well-rounded education that promotes cultural diversity and personal growth", he added.

Salman Ahmed, Vice President of the institution, expressed, "At Presidency PU College, our goal is to create an enjoyable learning experience for students. We prioritize activities that engage students, ensuring they have time for both academics and other interests. Our expert tutors prepare students to excel in competitive exams, making Presidency PU College a preferred choice among students. These factors have contributed significantly to the enhanced performance of Presidency PU College, with more than 50% of students achieving distinction."

Specialties of Presidency PU College

- Scholarships available for deserving students
- Personalized attention and guidance provided to each student
- Regular communication programs with parents
- A results-oriented approach to education

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Banashankari Presidency School: Nurturing holistic development of children

Choosing the right school for your child is a crucial decision for parents, and Banashankari Presidency School stands out as an excellent choice. Part of the esteemed Presidency group and accredited by ICSE, the school offers education from pre-primary to high school, ensuring a comprehensive learning journey for students.

Situated in a well-equipped building designed to foster learning, Presidency school places equal emphasis on nurturing students' sporting talents alongside academic pursuits. With spacious, modern classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology, learning becomes an engaging and exciting experience for our students. The primary focus is on developing children's intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities, with a strong emphasis on moral education to prepare them for success in life.

"We aspire to lay a solid educational foundation for our students, shaping them into future leaders who are encouraged to imagine, explore, and experiment. Our friendly and supportive learning environment caters to the diverse needs of students, ensuring that each child receives the attention they deserve. Our experienced faculty is dedicated to unlocking the full potential of every child, providing personalized guidance and support. Our kindergarten program for children aged 2 and above focuses on social skill development through interactive games, fostering independence and confidence in young learners", said Dr Nissar Ahmed, Founder of the school by adding, "At Banashankari Presidency School, we believe in holistic development through music, dance, and sports. Our curriculum and activities are meticulously planned to instill competitiveness and a love for literature and culture. From expert music teachers to a wide range of sports facilities catering to football, yoga, athletics, basketball, and more, we provide the necessary guidance for students to excel in their chosen fields. Our well-equipped library promotes a love for reading, offering a diverse range of books and resources to ignite children's curiosity and imagination. Additionally, our secondary school level ensures that students' thirst for knowledge is met with the best faculty and state-of-the-art science and computer labs to satisfy their curiosity."

Beyond academics, the school encourages participation in extracurricular activities and recreational programs, fostering creativity and enjoyment among students. By developing their emotional and spiritual capacities, we empower students to navigate real-life situations with confidence and resilience.

> **"At Banashankari Presidency School, our primary objective is the holistic development of children. Our alumni attest to this. Here at Presidency, students are actively engaged not only in academics but also in sports and various extracurricular activities. Our school's specialty lies in nurturing resilient individuals equipped to tackle the challenges of society in the future. With our robust infrastructure and highly trained teaching staff, we are committed to this goal."**
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> **–Dr Nissar Ahmed**
> **Founder, Presidency group**

Presidency School Highlights

- Demonstrated history of outstanding academic achievements
- State-of-the-art facilities to foster children's participation in state and national-level sports
- Commitment to making quality education accessible to all, ensuring greater opportunities for children
- Fostering healthy competition and a culture of learning through merit-based education
- Conveniently situated in a prime location of the city, offering easy access for students and parents
- Safe and secure campus environment, prioritizing the well-being of children

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Success in Tuition Inspires Launch of New National PU College

The inception of New National Pre-University College in Kengeri marks a remarkable journey spurred by the dedication of Mr A.P. Mahesh, whose commitment to tutoring transformed into a vision for educational excellence. With the encouragement of parents and the perseverance akin to Bhagirath's resolve, Mr Mahesh has now established one of the top colleges.

From its humble beginnings with just 70 students, the college has flourished under Mr Mahesh's leadership, now boasting over 450 students. Mr Mahesh's upbringing and education in rural Karnataka instilled in him a passion for educational empowerment, leading to the establishment of the Mahadeshwara Educational Trust and the eventual founding of New National College.

Despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic, Mr Mahesh and his dedicated team ensured the smooth operation of the college, providing unwavering support to teaching and non-teaching staff alike. Their efforts culminated in outstanding academic achievements, with all students excelling

in the 2020-21 annual examinations, including notable ranks in statewide assessments.

The college's commitment to holistic education is evident in its rigorous academic schedule, which includes comprehensive preparatory exams and specialized training for competitive exams like JEE, NEET, and K-CET. Furthermore, New National PU College remains steadfast in its mission to provide quality education at affordable rates, offering discounted admissions to underprivileged students.

As the college continues to nurture young minds and celebrate their successes, its impact on the community stands as a testament to Mr Mahesh's unwavering dedication to educational excellence. Looking ahead, New National PU College aims to expand its reach and impact, reaching more rural students and providing them with the tools they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. With a focus on innovation and adaptability, the college is poised to continue its legacy of academic excellence and community empowerment for generations to come.

Moreover, the college is dedicated to fostering a culture of inclusivity and diversity, ensuring that all students have equal access to educational opportunities regardless of their background or circumstances. Through scholarship programs and outreach initiatives, New National PU College strives to break down barriers to education and create a brighter future for all.

In addition to its academic pursuits, the college is also committed to promoting extracurricular activities and personal development opportunities for its students. From sports and arts to leadership and community service, New National PU College offers a diverse range of activities to enrich the educational experience and foster well-rounded individuals.

With its unwavering commitment to excellence, New National PU College continues to set the standard for educational institutions in the region, inspiring students to reach new heights of achievement and success. As it embarks on the next chapter of its journey, the college remains dedicated to its founding principles of integrity, innovation, and inclusivity, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to realize their full potential.

Tattva School: Indian Education, Global Standards

Situated amidst the residential complexes and green surroundings of Kumbalgodu in Bengaluru, Tattva School has world-class facilities with a spacious building and a stadium of international standards.

It has been ranked as the second best CBSE schools in West Bengaluru in the Times School survey 2022-23. Tattva School is CBSE accredited and conducts classes from Pre Primary to Class 12.

Since the first batch of CBSE, the school has set a record of 100 per cent results in Class 10. The science and commerce streams for class 11 are starting from the academic year 2024-25.

Shravan Gupta, Chairman of Tattva School and Kriya Ventures, affiliated to Rang Foundation, built India's most successful travel services industry. The venture was later acquired by Flight Centre Australia. He is interested in travel technology and real estate development apart from the education sector. He is active in Tattva school management and is building a unique business to offer partial ownership of luxury second homes in India. His interest in academics motivated him to start the school

Simple Learning: Innovative learner-centered pedagogy-based

teaching, use of modern and systematic tools and curriculum has increased children's interest in learning and made it easier for them to acquire knowledge. Mamta Rao, Principal of the school, says that the lessons taught in ICT integrated classes and activities are extremely effective for children to learn any subject. This helps students to understand the concepts better and remember them for a long time. With the emphasis on physical fitness and wellness programs, the students of the school are fit, healthy and perform well in cricket, tennis, volleyball, table tennis, basketball, football and other sports.

Students are taught the design, construction, programming and use of robots. The study of robotics improves the student's comprehensive knowledge and facilitates a better understanding of basic mathematics and science concepts.

The 15-book campaign is an initiative to bring the entire school together and facilitate mutual sharing and discussion and the love of reading. Students are given the opportunity to choose books according to their personal interest, which they can also read independently.

School facilities: The school has well-equipped laboratories and also excellent computer laboratories. There are excellent sports facilities for cricket, basketball, football and other indoor sports. An excellent library with diverse journals, newsletters, story books and encyclopedias. The school also provides phonetics and pre-phonetics-focused reading programs for pre-primary levels and up to grade 1.

English Language Improvement Tool: The English Language Enrichment Program in which children develop the skills to listen, speak, read and write English and become proficient in the use of the language. Personalized coaching through the digital 'coach'. This will help students learn the skills required to improve their writing.

The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Among Youth (McKay) is a non-profit, voluntary movement that promotes the cultural competence of students. It is a film-based learning model where inspirational films featuring the values, policies and lessons required for life for children are showcased every week.

The 15-book campaign is an initiative to bring the entire school together and facilitate mutual sharing and discussion and the love of reading. Students are given the opportunity to choose books according to their personal interest, which they can also read independently. This program provides the basic skills required to succeed in mathematics.

We have devised mathematical concepts and problem solving from the materials around us which makes for improved interest and participation in learning.

Shravan Gupta, founder of the institute, said, "Tattva School aims to provide education at par with any other educational institution in the world. For this, the school has been provided with facilities of international standards.

We have used technology to make learning easier for our students. We have seen that the learning levels of our students are more agile and smart. Overall, our aim is the all-round development of the students," said Mamata Rao, principal of the school.

She does not forget to thank the teachers who are working hard for the development of the school and also parents who are cooperating in making the school a huge success.

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Sri Sai Sadbhavana School
A Legacy of Education

Ananta Singh, born in Bannerghatta in 1977, completed his primary education at Bannerghatta Primary School. After finishing high school at Kalena Agrahara, he pursued his PUC studies at the well-known Champakadhama College. Later, he ventured into real estate business along with agriculture.

Ananta Singh's father, Bhima Singh, harbored a dream of starting a school. Bhima Singh, who only completed fourth grade, owned 26 acres of land in Bannerghatta, where he reared cattle and sold milk. Additionally, he ran a firewood business to supplement his income. With five children in total, including two sisters and two brothers, Ananta Singh was the youngest. Bhima Singh aspired to establish a school with his hard-earned money. Ananta Singh founded Shree Sai Sadbhaavana School in Bannerghatta in 2016 under the Sadbhaavana Trust, aiming to realize his father's dream. Initially, the school had only 143 students, but it now accommodates 1,053 students and employs 77 staff members, earning a reputation as a prestigious institution in Bannerghatta.

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Stress on Quality Education:

Ananta Singh adopted orphaned children and provided them with education. Poor children were granted admission to the school at concessional rates, and those employed by the school received educational discounts for their children. Equality was always maintained, with school security personnel often given the opportunity to hoist the flag during celebrations.

On August 15, 2023, and on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, KEB staff and civic workers were felicitated on stage.

The Sai Baba and Lakshmi Venkateshwara Temples were built under the Dwarakamai Charitable Trust. Every festival is celebrated in the school to educate the children about our culture and traditions.

Ananta Singh mentioned that special classes are conducted for SSLC students every year, along with five to six preparatory exams annually.

Having initially worked as a teacher, I have been serving as the Principal of Shree Sai Sadbhaavana School for the past two years. We provide good quality education at a low cost to poor children. Yoga, Karate, Drawing, Painting, and Dance are taught in the school. Tuition is offered at a low cost for 10th-grade students, and meal arrangements have been made. Ananta Singh and the management assist each staff member with their difficulties and treat them like family, says Hemavathy, the Principal.

Communication and spoken English classes are conducted alongside textbook knowledge. Additionally, sports are given importance, and the management takes special care for the all-round development of the children. "I have been working here as an English teacher for the past 3 years. We are grateful for the care and love shown by the school chairman, Ananta Singh. We are achieving 100% results," says Madesh, an English Teacher.

Ananta Singh's Dream:

Anant Singh expressed his dream of starting a college in the near future, aiming to provide quality education to poor children and offer CET, NEET, and CA Foundation courses at a low cost. He feels deeply grateful for his brothers, friends, family, and the staff of Sadbhaavana School, who have supported the institution's development and success.

Unlock Your Future: R.E.S. Polytechnic
Pioneering Vocational Education

R. GUNASHEELAN
Secretary,
RES POLYTECHNIC

R.E.S. Polytechnic, the epitome of vocational prowess and employment-centric learning. Established in 1986 under the Rajendra Education Society, the institution has been shaping futures through diploma education in nine specialized courses. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. R. Rajendhar, and later under the stewardship of Secretary Gunasheelan, R.E.S. Polytechnic has flourished into a beacon of technical education excellence. Nestled strategically at the Sunkadakatte, Magadi main road, adjacent to the bustling industrial hub of Bengaluru, the institution offers an ideal launchpad for students into the global workforce.

Driven by a commitment to empower every student, our polytechnic has garnered recognition for its AICTE-accredited programs and state-of-the-art facilities. With well-equipped laboratories, seasoned faculty, and a focus on practical learning, we ensure our students are industry-ready upon graduation.

From diploma programs in Fashion and Apparel Design to Computer Science and Engineering, the institute offers diverse course catering to the evolving needs of the job market. What sets them apart is their dedication to inclusivity – providing opportunities for students from all backgrounds to excel and secure lucrative employment.

"Our mission is simple: to empower our students to become self-reliant," affirms Secretary Gunasheelan. "Witnessing our diploma graduates earning up to Rs 2 lakh per month fills us with pride. R.E.S. Polytechnic is at the forefront of imparting vocational skills, transforming lives for nearly four decades. Join us at R.E.S. Polytechnic and embark on a journey towards immediate employment and lifelong success. Your future begins here."

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Moreover, our flexible scheduling options accommodate working professionals, offering evening and weekend classes to suit their needs. With seamless progression pathways from SSLC to diploma and beyond, we ensure our students unlock a world of opportunities in record time.

> "Since 2023-24, our organization has secured permission for working professionals, who have completed their ITI and PUC, to pursue further education in Electricals and Electronics in the evenings who are in working in various factories across the state."
> –Gunasheelan,
> Secretary, RES Polytechnic

Mahan Kids School: Learning knows no bounds

MR. NETRAJ GURUVINMATH
Founder President of
Mahan Kids School, Gangavathi

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Discover Mahan Kids Educational Institute, a unique innovative and stress-free educational institution nestled on Bypass Road in Jayanagar, Gangavati, Koppal district. For the past decade, Mahan Kids School has captivated hearts with its commitment to nurturing young minds through transformative learning experiences.

Founded a decade ago by the visionary Mr. Netraj Guruvinamath, Mahan Kids School has flourished into a renowned educational institution, fuelled by dedication and perseverance. With a focus on practical knowledge and social awareness, this school aims to empower children to become agents of positive change in society. At Mahan Kids School, the management believes and follows in the "Child-Friendly Learning Method," a unique approach that simplifies education and ignites a passion for learning among students and parents alike. Regardless of background or learning ability, every child is welcomed with open arms and provided with personalized attention to ensure their success.

The curriculum is carefully crafted to align with the interests and learning styles of each child, fostering a sense of curiosity and inquiry that extends beyond the classroom. From hands-on field trips to immersive experiences in farming, markets, and historical sites, the school equips students with practical knowledge and real-world skills that prepare them for success in life.

Mr. Netraj's vision for modern education is evident in every aspect of our school, from the state-of-the-art robotics programs to the commitment to preserving Indian traditions while embracing technological advancements. By blending traditional and modern learning methods, we create an enriching environment where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As the institute embarks on the next chapter of our journey, Mahan Kids School remains dedicated to providing quality education that nurtures the holistic development of every child. The school is committed to shaping the future leaders of tomorrow at Mahan Kids School – where learning knows no bounds.

Naksha Academy: Shaping Future Leaders with Holistic Education

Situated in the serene village surroundings of Bengaluru, Naksha Academy stands as a beacon of quality education, instilling global standards while honoring Indian cultural values. Since its inception in 2012, the academy has been committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with essential life skills and a strong sense of responsibility towards society.

Under the visionary leadership of founder and director Mr G.V. Satish Reddy and Chairperson Ms Nalina Satish Reddy, Naksha Academy has evolved into a hub of academic excellence and character development. With a comprehensive curriculum that goes beyond textbooks, the academy emphasizes arts, sports, and various life-enhancing activities, fostering a spirit of inquiry and critical thinking among students.

The school's state-of-the-art facilities, including well-equipped classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and sports amenities, provide an ideal environment for holistic learning. Moreover, Naksha Academy prioritizes safety measures, ensuring secure transportation for students and stringent background checks for staff members.

At Naksha Academy, education is not confined to classrooms but extends to practical learning experiences and extracurricular workshops. Through a blend of traditional teaching methods and modern educational approaches, students are encouraged to explore their interests and talents, preparing them to excel in diverse fields.

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The academy's commitment to student empowerment is reflected in its motto: Every student should surpass their potential. With a focus on nurturing future leaders who respect their heritage and contribute positively to society, Naksha Academy continues to set new benchmarks in education, guided by innovative ideas and a steadfast dedication to societal betterment.

Naksha Academy's uniqueness lies in its unwavering dedication to shaping future leaders through holistic education. Beyond academic excellence, the academy places a strong emphasis on character development, instilling values of integrity, compassion, and social responsibility in its students. Through a range of co-curricular activities, leadership workshops, and community engagement initiatives, Naksha Academy empowers students to become not only successful professionals but also ethical leaders who make a positive impact on the world around them. By fostering a culture of innovation, creativity, and inclusivity, Naksha Academy stands out as an institution that not only educates minds but also nurtures hearts and shapes the leaders of tomorrow.

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IT based software executive programme academy: ARSCCOM LEARNING

Arsccom Learning's Job profile oriented training and internship increases effectiveness at job and reduces Employee turnover.

It is often seen that even after years of investment in schools and gaining sufficient amount of Technical training, a lot of candidates cannot crack interviews and get into the roles that they aspire for. The other side of the story is not green either, there are a lot of vacant jobs in the market and companies are paying significantly high to acquire & retain talent. Ever wondered what is the cause for this GAP between the industry and students/aspirants? it is the employability skills that are lacking or not upto the mark and leads to disappointment , stress and serious concerns.

To bridge the GAP between student and profiles, Arsccom learning initiated the role based training program which first focuses on the job profile , skills required for that job , defines methods and practices that help/train the aspirants methodically into the skills that are required to make the role effective. Since the learning interest is from the candidate, there is no pressure,

they would be self-motivated and also focused towards the end result that is to land in the job that they are passionate about.

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The software executive role is carefully divided into videos, content, case studies and practice sessions which sequence the learning of business process, use technology platforms to convert the business process into application and then measure them using business KPI's(key performance Indicators), says Anand Murali, the course director at Arsccom learning.

Anand has 15+ years of experience in training, counselling and providing software solutions globally. Roopashri sawai's business communication module and Prof. S.Murali's soft skills programme make the technically educated ones more job ready and confident. The weekly mentoring sessions render a platform to interact with co students and understand doubts and improves presentation skills.

Prof. Murali.S says " Industry and Institutes have to come together and bridge the gap for students, curriculum should contain more of practical exposure and exchange programs than just theory and practise sessions" Corporate HR's, employers and placement directors constant endower to achieve this can be fuelled by Arsccom Learning Role based platform". This kind of a crash course, role oriented, and job oriented course always benefits candidates who want to seek a good career in corporate world and are ready to work hard for it.

Every trained individual from Arsccom learning is capable of bringing the best of skills, abilities and interest as it directly aligns with one's passion". Way back in 1936, Mr. Rama Rao, grandfather of Anand Murali used to conduct typing classes in Rama Krishna Institute of Commerce which operated for more than 60 years. Anand and Mr. Murali have fuelled this employability skill enhancement vision with technology and modern methods of learning which makes it more effective. Sri Chamundi Scout Group – where Anand is one of Scout Master ,has also played a significant role in this program building" says Anand.

To know more about the program and consult with Arsccom learning, please visit www.arsccomlearning.in or Call: 8884330424

Discover Oxford Institutions, Nagarabhavi and Ullal: Where Education Meets Empowerment

At Oxford Institutions, Nagarabhavi and Ullal, education transcends mere academics; it's a holistic journey towards excellence and empowerment. Founded in 1989-90 by Dr. M. C. Ravindranath, the mission is clear: to provide unparalleled education accessible to all. From Nursery to Post Graduation, we've been steadfast in our commitment to fostering academic brilliance while nurturing the values of compassion and integrity.

Oxford Educational Institution is renowned in Bengaluru for its exceptional educational offerings. From Nursery to Post Graduation, Oxford operates Nursery, Primary, and High Schools in Nagarabhavi, along with Oxford Degree and PU Colleges situated at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Layout, Ullal Main Road.

Empowering the Underprivileged:

Oxford pride ourselves on being a beacon of hope for the underprivileged. With free education for 50 to 100 children from economically

disadvantaged backgrounds annually and fee concessions for those in need, the institution is committed to breaking barriers and fostering social equality.

Academic Excellence:

The institutes' track record speaks volumes. With a 100% SSLC result year after year, the students emerge not just academically proficient but also morally grounded. From nursery rhymes to Bhagavad Gita chants, the curriculum emphasizes holistic development and moral education.

> **"We firmly believe that education should go beyond mere degrees; it should imbue students with moral fortitude. Oxford Educational Institution has consistently advocated for the advancement of economically disadvantaged students. Elevating the education standards for the underprivileged fosters economic empowerment. This commitment is intrinsic to our educational ethos. Our mission is to cultivate individuals who, upon graduating from Oxford, become exemplary, self-reliant citizens."**
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> **H.N. Usha Ravindranath, President**

Comprehensive Courses:

From Science to Commerce, the PUC departments are A-Grade recognized by the PU Board. At the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, the institute offers Commerce and Management courses accredited by Bangalore University. Moreover, our dedicated faculty ensures personalized coaching for competitive exams like CET, JEE, and IIT, yielding outstanding results.

A Commitment to Community:

Under the able guidance of Chairperson H.N. Usha Ravindranath, the institution operates like a family. With a team of 100 teaching and 25 non-teaching staff, we address every challenge with empathy and resolve. At Oxford Institute, every student's journey is a testament to unwavering commitment to excellence and inclusivity.

Areas of Expertise

- Emphasis on sports, arts, and cultural endeavours, with notable student achievements at the state and national levels in Skating and Badminton.
- Offering a Double Certificate Program in Graduation, combining academic credentials with professional certification.
- Merit-based scholarships for exceptional student performance, recognizing excellence at the highest echelons.
- State-of-the-art laboratory and library facilities, ensuring an enriching learning environment.
- Transportation services provided for students' convenience.
- Prioritization of instilling service-oriented, research-driven, and leadership qualities in students.
- Proactive facilitation of skill enhancement, industry visits, and campus recruitment opportunities.

Sree Rama Vidyalaya: Nurturing Excellence and Holistic Development for Decades

Nestled in the bustling heart of Jayanagar,Sree Rama Vidyalaya stands as a beacon of academic excellence, where hands-on learning is celebrated amidst the embrace of state-of-the-art facilities. Since its inception in 1986, this esteemed institution has been a cornerstone of education-nal enlightenment, illuminating the minds of the city's youth with unparalleled dedication.

From the tender years of Montessori to the illustrious heights of high school, Sree Rama Vidyalaya, accredited by ICSE, not only transcends mere literacy, aspires instead to instill profound moral values in its students. Every facet of the school, from its meticulously designed environment to its carefully curated curriculum, echoes the ethos of nurturing independent thought and fostering unshakeable confidence in each child. What began with a humble cohort of seven students has blossomed into a vibrant community of over 800 learners, spanning from the enchanting realms of Play home to the corridors of 10th standard.

We also have State Board high School, recognized by Government

of Karnataka where children are performing well with 100% results. Ashitha & Pragathi have got 11th and 9th rank respectively.

Even though computer classes are offered from 1st to 10th standard, starting from 8th standard, students are mandated to enroll in computer application courses to ensure universal proficiency in computer usage. Tablet based, learning has been introduced, not requiring students to bring their- books to class daily. State-of- the-art laboratories have been instrumental in enhancing children's interest in learning, favouring a hands-on approach. The regular practice of yoga aids in maintaining the students' health. All classrooms were transitioned into interactive online platforms during the pandemic, allowing teachers to engage with students both online and in-person, with assignments regularly submitted.

As part of personality development, a specialized program has been crafted for children aged 6 to 16, integrating enjoyable learning experiences and fostering transformative skills.

Additionally,parenting workshops are conducted to impart essential parenting skills, while teachers undergo training to enhance their interactions with students, nurturing a harmonious relationship among children, parents, and educators. The Math Lab and Science Lab facilities cater to students from classes 1 to 8, offering an enriching environment for hands-on learning.

In the science labs, children en- gage in hands-on experiments that teach them fundamental scientific concepts. The chosen experiment topics align closely with their curriculum, igniting their curiosity and fostering a deeper interest in learning.

We also have hobby club for classes 1-8 where photography, circuit scribe, financial literacy, T-Shirt printing (sublimation printing), coding, origami, Drone training, Animation, forensic science, AI tool using ChatGPT and Microsoft Bing are being taught, that opens various career paths for the children.

Not only in academics but excelling in sports, students of Sree Rama Vidyalaya have represented the ICSE council at National level Volleyball Tournament.

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> "Sree Rama Vidyalaya is committed to holistic child development and we emphasize the importance of preparing students to confront the challenges of the world while instill ing in them strong moral values. The school's enduring mission is to uphold and honour its cultural heritage, ensuring the continuation of its educational services in Jayanagar."
>
> –L. Nagaraja Setty, the Managing Director, Sree Rama Vidyalaya

Extending a Helping Hand to the Less Fortunate through Vidyanikethan Public School

SMT. D. GANGAMMA
President

Our determination grows stronger in the face of adversity. Trustee D. Gangamma, the founder of Vidyanikethan Public School in Sunkadakatte, exemplifies this resilience. Her personal journey is a testament to perseverance and serves as an inspiration to women everywhere. The school, built through her relentless efforts, now illuminates the lives of numerous children by providing quality education.

D. Gangamma, the fifth of seven children born to Doddiah and Hanumakka in Byappanahalli village, Doddaballapur Taluk, inherited a passion for education from her father, a teacher. With this upbringing, she harbored a desire to establish her own educational institution, which she realized after gaining the necessary qualifications and working in the education sector for some time. Thus, in 1990, Vidyanikethan Public School was born.

Starting with just three children, the school has now grown to accommodate over 1,650 students. Originally from Byappanahalli village, Gangamma relocated to Bengaluru where she pursued her higher education with the support of her brother Shivakumariah and obtained a degree from M.E.S. College, followed by B.Ed. and postgraduate degrees. Despite facing personal challenges, she found solace and purpose in leading the school.

Vidyanikethan Public School, offering education from Nursery to Class 10 in both Kannada and English mediums, is located in Sunkadakatte, Magadi Road, Bengaluru. Over the years, it has produced 26 batches of SSLC students with a 100% pass rate. In 2022, the school's students achieved the first and third ranks in the SSLC exams, scoring 625 and 623 marks respectively. The dedicated teaching staff, along with Gangamma's personal involvement, has played a significant role in this success.

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Areas of Expertise

- Provision of quality education to underprivileged children
- State-of-the-art infrastructure
- Highly trained teachers
- Outstanding academic results
- Focus on holistic development

Initially established in an underdeveloped area, Vidyanikethan Public School has transformed into a premier educational institution, boasting its own building and serving as a beacon of hope for the local community. The school prioritizes providing quality education to economically disadvantaged children at an affordable cost, contributing to their self-reliance and societal upliftment.

At Vidyanikethan School, the emphasis is on offering quality education to all students, irrespective of their socioeconomic background. With enthusiastic teaching staff and excellent infrastructure, the school has been guiding students for over three decades, helping them realize their potential, foster independence, and become responsible citizens.

> "Coming from a rural background, I strongly believe that educating underprivileged children is crucial for their self-reliance. Vidyanikethan Public School is dedicated to this cause, and it's immensely gratifying to see our students succeed and thrive in society."
>
> –D. Gangamma. Founder

B.N.R. Public School: Fostering Holistic Child Development

Inaugurated by the revered Trividha Dasohi Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, B.N.R. Public School is dedicated to nurturing the comprehensive growth of its students. Founded in 2005 by state awardees Mr P. Narayanappa and Ms MG Gowramma, supported by Mr Rudresh, Mr Rudramuni, and Mr Vijay Kumar, the school has flourished into an esteemed educational institution serving the communities of Mallasandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru, with quality education. Led by Principal Mr N. Bhushan, the school instills values deeply rooted in the saying, " raddh v n labhate jñ nam" emphasizing character-building alongside academic excellence.

N. BHUSHAN
Principal
BNR PUBLIC SCHOOL

A hallmark of B.N.R. Public School is its unique initiation of students with the sacred ceremony of Aksharabhyasam, symbolizing the commencement of their educational journey. To ensure inclusivity, the school offers free textbooks, notebooks, and transportation for needy students, embodying its commitment to equal opportunities. Moreover, instead of lavish birthday celebrations, funds are collected from students and contributed to orphanages, fostering compassion and social responsibility.

Principal Dr. N. Bhushan, son of founders Mr P. Narayanappa and Ms Gowramma, assumed leadership of the school at a young age after completing his education in mathematics. Under his stewardship, the school has garnered numerous accolades, including Pratibha Ratna, Rajya Ratna, and Best Principal awards. Dr. Bhushan's dedication to teaching is reflected in students' exemplary performances, with many achieving perfect scores in mathematics and consistently high grades in SSLC examinations.

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In addition to academic excellence, B.N.R. Public School organizes various cultural and skill-building programs such as Araluva Pushpagalu, Sankalpa, and Avishkar exhibition, promoting holistic development. Notably, the school has received numerous awards and recognitions for its outstanding contributions to education, including the Best School Award by Times to Grow Education Committee and Kalasiri Award.

> **"The guru is akin to a guiding star; perceive it as illumination, and undoubtedly, you will attain your aspirations. This resonates as the guiding principle of BNR Public School, fostering comprehensive growth encompassing social, educational, and other proficiencies. spearheads initiatives aligned with this ethos, nurturing programs to bolster such development."**
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> **-Dr. Bhushan**
> **Principal**

To foster a conducive learning environment, the school offers a wide array of extracurricular activities, including arts, crafts, sports, and yoga. Regular assessments, skill tests, and parental involvement initiatives further enhance students' overall development. With the guiding principle, "Guru is like a star, consider it as a light and if followed definitely you will reach your goal," B.N.R. Public School continues to empower students with social, emotional, and academic skills, preparing them for a bright future.

Special initiatives of the school

- Consistently achieving two state-level ranks annually for the past three years, demonstrating the school's commitment to excellence.
- Student participation in prestigious events like "Pariksha Pe Charcha '' and Karnataka Government's "Karnataka Sambhrama-50 Hesarayitu Karnataka, Usiragali Kannada '' program.
- Wholehearted involvement of students, teachers, and parents in writing and sending Ramakoti during the inauguration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.
- Recognition and accolades received by the school, including the Best School Award 2023 by the Times to Grow Education Committee.
- Initiatives for the holistic development of students, including regular assessments, calligraphy tests, and skill-building competitions.
- Diverse cultural activities like arts, crafts, dance, music, painting, gardening, taekwondo, sports, and yoga are integrated into the education curriculum.
- Annual day trips are organized to provide students with new learning experiences.
- Monthly celebrations include Colors Day and Fruits and Vegetables Day to promote creativity and healthy eating habits.
- On Environment Day, observed on June 5th each year, students participate in tree plantation activities.
- Yoga classes are conducted regularly to promote physical and mental well-being among students.

VES Model Convent: 30 Years of Empowering Young Minds

MR. SURESH SHASTRY
PRESIDENT
VES MODEL CONVENT

Established in 1991 by President Mr. Suresh in Tavarekere, VES Model Convent has emerged as a leading educational institution in the local community. Since 1993, it has been registered as a society, consistently striving for excellence. Adopting the ICSE syllabus in 2010 and 2011, it has maintained an impressive 100% pass rate in the ICSE exams since 2013, with 70-75% of students achieving distinction.

A Vision for Quality Education:
Founded with a clear vision to address the lack of quality education in the locality, VES Model Convent aimed to bridge this gap and provide an educational standard comparable to city schools. Despite initial challenges in convincing families of the importance of education, the school persevered and gradually established a strong foundation and a culture of learning.

Building a Strong Foundation:
Mr. Sathyanarayana Shasthri, a retired government school teacher who served as principal from 2003, played a pivotal role in shaping the school's ethos. Bringing a wealth of experience and dedication at the age of 73, he instilled strong ethical values and focused on building a foundation that went beyond commercial aspirations. His understanding of the shortcomings in government school education proved invaluable in shaping VES Model Convent's approach.

SMT. PRATHIBHA.K
Principal
VES MODEL CONVENT

V.E.S. MODEL CONVENT
TAVAREKERE BANGALORE

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Beyond Academics: Nurturing Skills and Values:
Recognizing that education extends beyond textbooks, the school has emphasized developing various skills in their students since 2003. This includes fostering communication skills through public speaking opportunities, providing hands-on experience in science labs, and cultivating an entrepreneurial spirit among students.

Investing in Teachers and Technology:
Understanding the importance of well-equipped teachers, VES Model Convent provides free transportation and invests in upskilling them through access to technology and other resources.

Giving Back to the Community:
The school leadership firmly believes in serving society and is committed to providing quality education and nurturing future generations of responsible individuals. Notably, during the COVID-19 pandemic, they did not charge parents any fees, demonstrating their dedication to the community's well-being.

Looking Forward: Building a Brighter Future:
Under the leadership of Chairman Mr. Arjun R, VES Model Convent envisions creating individuals who contribute meaningfully to the nation. They believe in the value of the Indian education system, which effectively blends traditional wisdom with modern advancements. Additionally, they provide free breakfast and lunch for nursery children, acknowledging the importance of proper nutrition in early development.
VES Model Convent's story is one of dedication, innovation, and a steadfast commitment to empowering young minds. As they step into their next chapter, they remain true to their core values, shaping future generations of responsible and global citizens.

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Empowering Rural Communities through Education Excellence: Vallabha International School

Founded by Mr H.P. Lakshmana, the Managing Director of LTG Group, Vallabha International School is known for quality and affordable education in rural areas. With a deep-rooted commitment to social service and a vision to transform educational landscapes, Mr Lakshmana, hailing from a rural background himself, established the school in Somanahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru At Vallabha International School, the mission transcends mere academic instruction; it aims to cultivate well-rounded individuals equipped with practical skills and strong moral values.

One distinguishing feature of Vallabha International School is its dedication to making education accessible to all. Through initiatives like free accommodation, textbooks, notebooks, and transport facilities, the school ensures that financial constraints do not hinder a child's access to quality education. "Our goal at Vallabha International is to provide children in rural areas with not just classroom education but also practical life skills and financial literacy from a young age," explains Mr H.P. Lakshmana, the Managing

H P LAKSHMANA
Chairman and Managing Trustee

Trustee of LTG Foundation.

The curriculum at Vallabha International School emphasizes holistic development, prioritizing moral, emotional, and intellectual growth. The school aspires to foster a culture of participation and excellence, with the overarching goal of molding every student into an outstanding citizen. "Education, for us, is not just about imparting knowledge; it's about instilling a sense of devotion and values in our students," remarks Lakshmana.

Since its inception in 1999, LTG Group, under Lakshmana's leadership, has extended its philanthropic endeavors beyond education to encompass environment protection, child development, and workforce empowerment. Through LTG Foundation, numerous programs have been initiated to uplift the weaker sections of society, with a particular focus on comprehensive child development. "Our aim is to provide children with the best and most affordable education while instilling ethical values in their lives," says Ms Tara, the Secretary of LTG Foundation.

SMT. TARA
SecretaryGangavathi

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Vallabha International School is not just a center for academic learning but a nurturing environment where students are encouraged to question, explore, and grow. With a steadfast commitment to expanding educational horizons, the school plans to introduce a range of courses, from early childhood education to technical training, to cater to the diverse needs of its students. "Our vision is to empower young minds with a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to excellence," affirms the Management Board.

In pursuit of its grand mission, Vallabha International School has introduced a unique daily ritual called "Beyond Syllabus," where students engage with enriching facts and knowledge beyond their textbooks. This innovative approach reflects the school's dedication to fostering curiosity, creativity, and lifelong learning among its students.

Key Highlights

- Outstanding facilities and infrastructure
- Emphasis on instilling moral values
- Complimentary textbooks and notebooks
- Cost-free learning resources
- High-quality education tailored for rural students

"At our institution, students engage in daily activities that impart valuable life skills. For instance, they can effortlessly determine the current time in any country simply by pointing at a map. Additionally, they are adept at naming recipients of prestigious literary awards like the Jnanpith. Moreover, they possess the knowledge to identify auspicious and inauspicious times such as Rahukala, Gulikakala, and Yamaganda Kalam. Through scientific experiments, we endeavor to uncover truths and expand our understanding.

–H.P. Lakshmana, Managing Trustee

Autumn Leaves pre-school: Beacon of innovation in Bengaluru's Preschool landscape

In just a short time, Autumn Leaves pre-school has rapidly gained popularity as Bengaluru's fastest-growing preschool chain, thanks to the visionary leadership of founders Sharat Khadri and Pallavi, who bring a wealth of experience from the corporate sector. Driven by a deep-rooted desire to revolutionize the education sector, Autumn Leaves Preschool is on a mission to redefine learning paradigms.

Rooted in a rich legacy as the grandson of renowned Kannada poet P. T. Narasimhachar, Sharat Khadri infuses a passion for Kannada language and culture into the core ethos of Autumn Leaves. Here, Kannada language takes center stage, alongside English, ensuring a well-rounded linguistic education for every child, a commitment embraced wholeheartedly by parents. Since its inception in December 2017, Autumn Leaves has witnessed exponential growth, expanding from 6 to 16 centers by 2023-24, with a bold vision to establish 100 centers across Bangalore by 2027.

What truly sets Autumn Leaves apart is its innovative approach to early childhood education. Each center serves as a nurturing en-

SMT. PALLAVI
Founder: Autumn Leaves Preschool, Bangalore

MR. SHARAT KHADRI
Co-Founder: Autumn Leaves Preschool, Bangalore

vironment where children are encouraged to overcome stage fear and express themselves confidently through regular speech platforms. Through carefully curated monthly book pattern, children are empowered to explore diverse subjects and expand their horizons, all while fostering a love for learning.

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At Autumn Leaves, a deep reverence for cultural heritage is instilled through vibrant celebrations of festivals like Sankranti, Ugadi, and Krishna Janmashtami, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among students. Embracing a technology-free environment, Autumn Leaves encourages children to engage with their surroundings, fostering curiosity and concentration. With a curriculum that prioritizes environmental awareness and cultural appreciation, Autumn Leaves equips children with the tools they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Sharat Khadri's emphasis on early Kannada language learning not only enhances linguistic skills but also fosters a deeper connection to local culture. Supported by parents and communities, Autumn Leaves is leading the way in promoting regional language education across the nation. Pallavi, driven by her personal passion for education, underscores the importance of language acquisition in early childhood development. By making learning an enjoyable and immersive experience, Autumn Leaves ensures that every child flourishes, creating a cherished preschool experience for all.

Autumn Leaves Preschool is an institution where innovation meets inspiration, and every child's journey is nurtured with care and creativity.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Festivals celebrated with enthusiasm and joy
- Incorporating Kannada in the English curriculum
- Providing monthly books to foster relaxed learning environments
- Promoting cultural awareness and traditional values
- Offering activities to overcome stage fear
- Encouraging environmental consciousness among children

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New Hardwick Indian School: Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Futures

In a world where education is the key to unlocking boundless opportunities, New Hardwick Indian School stands as a beacon of hope in rural Kodigehalli, Magadi Main Road. Established in 2009 by V. Krishnamurthy, this state-of-the-art institution under the Educational Trust has been dedicated to providing quality education to the children of the region since 2010.

At the heart of New Hardwick Indian School's ethos lies the belief that education is not merely about imparting knowledge but about instilling a sense of purpose and igniting a passion for lifelong learning. Inspired by the vision of its founder, V. Krishnamurthy, the school serves as a beacon of hope for underprivileged children, offering them the opportunity to realize their full potential and become architects of their own destiny.

From its humble beginnings, New Hardwick Indian School has evolved into a premier educational institution, equipped with modern facilities and staffed by dedicated educators who are committed to nurturing the holistic development of every student. The school's sprawling campus, enveloped by lush greenery, provides an idyllic setting conducive to learning and growth.

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Safety and security are paramount priorities at New Hardwick Indian School, with stringent measures in place to ensure the well-being of all students. State-of-the-art facilities, including smart classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, and an extensive library, offer students a dynamic learning environment tailored to their needs and aspirations. Beyond academics, New Hardwick Indian School places a strong emphasis on extracurricular activities, ranging from sports and cultural pursuits to martial arts and communication skills. Through these diverse opportunities, students are encouraged to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and foster a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork.

Under the visionary leadership of School Secretary Poorna Krishnamurthy, New Hardwick Indian School has earned recognition for its innovative teaching methods and commitment to excellence. Through personalized attention and mentorship, students are empowered to discover their unique talents and pursue their passions with confidence.

> **"Our aim is to bring out the inner talent in children." With a steadfast commitment to fostering a culture of academic excellence, New Hardwick Indian School continues to inspire generations of young minds and shape a brighter future for our world."**
>
> **–V. Krishnamurthy**
> **President**

"Blooming Buds" Pre-school is like a mother's lap for children

Blooming Buds" Pre-school is akin to a mother's comforting embrace for children, with two centers in Begur offering a conducive environment for play and learning.

G Nethravati stands as a beacon of inspiration, showcasing how one can overcome poverty and adversity to establish a pre-school like "Blooming Buds" and serve as a role model for youngsters. Despite facing childhood struggles that affected her family life, Nethravati's determination and resilience led her to become the founder of a rapidly expanding chain of pre-schools, with branches in Akshaya Nagar and Vishwapriya layouts in Begur, Bengaluru. Her journey serves as a testament that challenges do not obstruct growth, and she has single-handedly established and nurtured this organization.

Since its inception in 2006, "Blooming Buds" has garnered admiration from parents and children alike, prompting the opening of a second branch in 2023. With around 400 children enrolled across both branches and a dedicated team of 35 instructors and support staff, the school also extends its reach to underprivileged children by offering free education to 10 students annually.

Nethravati's passion for children and innovative teaching methods have made "Blooming Buds" a beloved institution in the community. Under her leadership, the school prioritizes play-based learning, nurturing holistic child development through motherly teachers and a comprehensive curriculum.

"Our approach at Blooming Buds is centered around the belief that children learn best through play. Our engaging activities, coupled with a nurturing environment and a holistic curriculum, lay a strong foundation for their education," says G. Nethravati, Founder and Principal of "Blooming Buds" Pre school & Day care.

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The school's annual celebrations provide a platform for children to showcase their talents, while regular outings and activities foster exploration and learning. With features like sports, gardening, picnics, and cultural competitions, "Blooming Buds" offers a vibrant and enriching environment for preschoolers to thrive.

It's not overstating to say that with all these distinctive features, "Blooming Buds" Preschool stands as the most sought-after preschool in the Begur area. Enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year is now open.

> Nethravathi Believe that Blooming Buds Pre -school is not just a place for formal education,but a space where student's grow and evolve as individuals. It is a place where their inner potential is nurtured , and where they learn the values of respect, integrity and responsibility. In the upcoming years, we will emphasize more on character buliding, along with academic and non- academic achievements.

Features of Blooming Buds

- Sports and extracurricular activities
- Water splash, sandpit, gardening
- Carnival and picnics
- Fancy dress and rhymes competitions
- Visiting public places (temple, police station, etc.)
- Drawing and color recognition
- Textbooks and calendar featuring children's portraits

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BMS Commerce and Management College: Nurturing Entrepreneurs

The BMS Educational Trust, a renowned institution in the state, has made significant contributions to the education sector, diligently serving in the field of education sector since pre-independence times. Upholding the values of Education, Excellence, Entrepreneurship, and Empowerment, the BMS Educational Trust stands out in its commitment to equip students with knowledge and skills. B. M . Sreenivasaiah started first private sector engineering college in 1946 subsequently the trust has expanded to encompass 12 institutes, including the esteemed BMS College of Commerce and Management, which is led by Dr. BS Ragini Narayan, the Donor Trustee, Member Secretary and Chairperson BMS Educational Trust.

DR. B.S. RAGINI NARAYAN
Trustee, Member Secretary and Chairperson BMSET
Institution name:
BMS Educational Trust

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BMS College of Commerce and Management:
Founded in 2018 in VV Puram, the BMS College of Commerce and Management aims to inspire and transform young minds globally through high-quality education. Affiliated with Bengaluru City University, the college offers B.Com, BCA, and BBA courses following the university curriculum. Equipped with excellent facilities such as air-conditioned classrooms, computer lab, library, seminar hall, and hostel accommodations, the college boasts skilled and experienced professors dedicated to providing quality education. Professional courses like Chartered Accountancy, Company Secretary, Association of Chartered Certified Accountancy, and Certified Management Accountant have been integrated into the B.Com program.

In a bid to foster entrepreneurship and contribute to India's development, the college's Incubation Cell has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Computer Society of India.

Awards and Honours:
The college has received several awards, including the Most Promising and Leading Commerce and Management College by BEGIN-UP in 2021 and the 50 Best Private B-Schools Award in 2022 by Education Today. It has also been recognized as the Most Prominent Education Brand for College of Commerce and Management.

Campus Selection and Placement:
The college facilitates internships for all students in the 5th and 6th semesters, leading to placements. Over the last three years, 100% of students have secured jobs through campus selections in reputed companies like Infosys and Wipro. Additionally, the college offers six career development courses.

Other Highlights:
The college boasts 12 student clubs, including Cultural Club, Sports Club, and Kannada Club. Students have excelled in sports at state and national levels, supported by the college's physical education department. Each year, the college hosts a grand cultural festival and various competitions. Furthermore, students have access to medical treatment at BMS Hospital, adjacent to the college, with group medical and accident insurance coverage. Various support services, including grievance redressal, anti sexual harassment cell, counseling, scholarships and awards, are available for student welfare.

History of BMS Institution:
Established in 1946, BMS College of Engineering is the first venture by BM Srinivasaiah. The trust later expanded to include BMS Law College in 1963 and BMS Women's Degree College and BMS Women's PUC College in subsequent years. Presently, the BMS Educational Trust operates 12 colleges, serving 22,000 students and employing approximately 2,000 staff members. Dr. P. Dayananda Pai, Aviram Sharma, and Ravi Venkatesam serve as trustees under the leadership of Dr. B. S Ragini Narayan, overseeing a total of 22,000 students and around 2,000 staff members.

Vishwabharati Public School and Icon International Residential Schools
Strong commitment to revolutionise Education

DR. S K RAMACHANDRA
Founder: Icon International Residential School

Dr. SK Ramachandra's commitment to providing quality education to rural students is evident through his visionary leadership at Vishwabharati Public School and Icon International Residential Schools. Unlike many students who struggle to define their life goals, Dr. Ramachandra's clarity of purpose has driven him to establish two exceptional institutions dedicated to shaping the futures of thousands of children.

At Vishwabharati Public School, located in Ramachandrapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Dr. Ramachandra has devoted over 18 years to nurturing the educational aspirations of the local community. Taking the reins of school administration at a young age of 23, he has tirelessly worked to create opportunities for children to achieve a better future.

Demonstrating his deep commitment to education, Dr. SK Ramachandra established the "Icon International Residential School" in his native district. Founded in 2017 in Chilkunda Village, Hunsur, Mysore District, this institution offers state-of-the-art facilities amidst picturesque surroundings, including a swimming pool, playground, well-equipped library, and computer labs. Catering to children from the village and neighboring areas, the school provides high-quality education to over 700 students from various regions, supported by a team of more than 70 dedicated teachers. Equipped with digital teaching facilities in every classroom, students benefit from direct interaction with teachers, fostering an optimal learning environment.

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Coming from a farming family in Suragalli village of Piriyapatna, Dr. Ramachandra's upbringing instilled in him the belief in creating opportunities rather than seeking employment. Today, Vishwabharati Public School, with over 750 students, receiving quality education, stands as a testament to his vision. Dr. Ramachandra attributes this success to the cooperation and support of his family members and brother Nagaraj emphasizing that students from various districts, including Mysuru, Bengaluru, Kolar, Tumkur, and Kodagu, benefit from education at these institutions.

Emphasizing holistic development, both schools prioritize not only academic excellence but also arts, sports, life skills, and moral education. Dr. Ramachandra's vision is to empower students to think independently, acquire knowledge, and become lifelong learners, equipped to contribute meaningfully to society. This school is the place where it transforms education and empower the next generation to reach their fullest potential.

> "Our aim is for the students of Icon International Residential School to think independently, acquire knowledge, and make them lifelong learners who contribute globally."
> –Dr. Ramachandra
> Founder

Dev-In National School: Where Education Inspires Brilliance and Joy

Dev-In National School, an esteemed institution nestled in the heart of Sahakara Nagar, Bengaluru, dedicated to fostering a culture of value-based education and instilling the joy of learning in every child. What sets Dev-In National School apart is our commitment to ensuring that every child's journey to school is seamless and enjoyable. With convenient transportation arrangements, this prestigious school ensures that students arrive punctually, ready to embark on a day filled with enriching experiences and meaningful interactions.

Established in 1994 under the visionary leadership of BM Devarajappa, Dev-In National School, a CBSE-affiliated institution, stands as a beacon of educational excellence. Guided by a mission to make quality education accessible, Mr. Devarajappa, along with his dedicated team led by Secretary Ms N.C. Indira, has nurtured a thriving educational ecosystem encompassing Cauvery Public School, Dev-In National School, Cauvery PU College, Cauvery Primary and High School, Dev-In Academy for Learning, and Cauvery B.Ed. College. At Dev-In National School, the administration believes in holistic development, where academic rigour is complemented by state-of-the-art facilities and a nurturing environment. The CBSE curriculum, introduced in 2014, is designed to ignite a passion for learning while fostering the growth of resilient and confident individuals.

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In the pursuit of excellence, the school management understands the importance of extracurricular activities in shaping well-rounded personalities. That's why the campus boasts world-class facilities including an international standard Badminton stadium, a heated swimming pool, and dedicated spaces for table tennis and Taekwondo. Under the mentorship of our experienced coaches, students have clinched gold medals at international competitions, showcasing their exceptional talent and determination.

Led by Ms Shweta Devarajappa, the administration prioritizes the individual needs and aspirations of each student, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to thrive. Through innovative teaching methods and personalized attention, school empowers students with essential life skills such as communication, collaboration, and critical thinking, preparing them to excel in an ever-evolving world.

Beyond the flagship school, Dev-In Academy for Learning offers ICSE-accredited education, providing a diverse range of educational pathways to suit every learner's needs. The management's commitment to excellence extends to Cauvery B.Ed. College, where aspiring educators are equipped with the knowledge and skills to shape the future of education.

At Dev-In National School, the management envisions a future where every child has the opportunity to unlock their full potential and become compassionate, responsible global citizens. School provides a transformative journey, where education transcends boundaries and empowers future generations to make a positive impact on the world.

> **"The essence of a thriving society lies in the cultivation of good citizens. In today's society, value-based education holds paramount importance. Across all our educational institutions, we ardently advocate and strive towards nurturing individuals who embody these values. By imparting teachings from the Bhagavad Gita and reciting Shlokas, our focus extends beyond academic excellence. Our goal is to cultivate responsible citizens who contribute positively to the fabric of society."**
>
> **–BM Devarajappa**
> **President**

Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College Hospital and Research Centre

Bridging Healthcare with Ancient Wisdom

PROF DR. A.V. SRINIVASAN
Founder Chairman

Immerse yourself in a realm where modern healthcare intersects with ancient wisdom at Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SPSAMC & RC). Founded by the revered Varmalogist Prof. Dr. A.V. Srinivasan, affectionately known as Pujya Swamiji, this institution stands as a testament to holistic health, wellness, and community development. Born out of a commitment to empower economically disadvantaged rural communities, this college and research center embody a mission of holistic healing and sustainability.

Through our collaboration with Ikya Initiative in Ancient Healing Systems (IIAHS), the institution offers an integrated approach to medical education that blends traditional Ayurveda with contemporary medicine. Prioritizing specialized fields such as Marma therapy and Panchakarma, the comprehensive curriculum equips future healthcare professionals with the skills needed to deliver personalized patient care.

Furthermore, this initiative promotes collaboration between different branches of Medicine, fostering a multidisciplinary approach to healthcare delivery. Traditional upcoming doctors' benefit from mentorship and guidance, equipping them with essential skills for clinical practice.

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Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College Hospital and Research Centre is the place where tradition meets innovation, and the pursuit of health and wellness knows no bounds.

Prof. Dr. A.V. Srinivasan has written several philosophical books on Vedas and Vedanta like The The history, tradition, and science of Marma Chikitsa, Anatomy of Marma Chikitsa and others. He had been to different countries, and received many awards for excellence in the field of health and education including Times Business Awards, Social Service Award from various universities including University of Mysore, Mother Teresa National Award from National Press Council, 'Divya Gunaratna' award from Swara Saurabh and 'Vijay Karnataka Health Excellence Award'. A.V. Srinivasan has been invited for special lectures in the country and abroad. He addressed the International Youth Conference in Russia. He also delivered lectures on educational and cultural exchanges and health sectors of BRICS countries. He has collaborated with leading academics from USA, UK , Cambodia, Mauritius and other countries for the exchange of information on ancient systems of medicine.

Features

- Prof Dr. A.V. Srinivasan is spearheading various initiatives aimed at enhancing ancient medicine, including:
- Enforcing compulsory clinical training for Ayurvedic educators to elevate their practical proficiency.
- Implementing regular evaluations to assess the knowledge and competence of Ayurvedic physicians.
- Establishing state-of-the-art facilities to enhance patient care.
- Providing resources for career advancement and professional development.
- Fostering public trust through rigorous training and evaluation processes for Ayurvedic practitioners.

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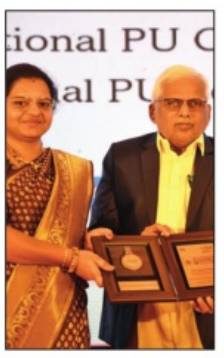

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HEALTH TIP: High uric acid levels can also lead to diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, among other conditions

Eggs are a good source of nutrients that promote heart health such as betaine and choline

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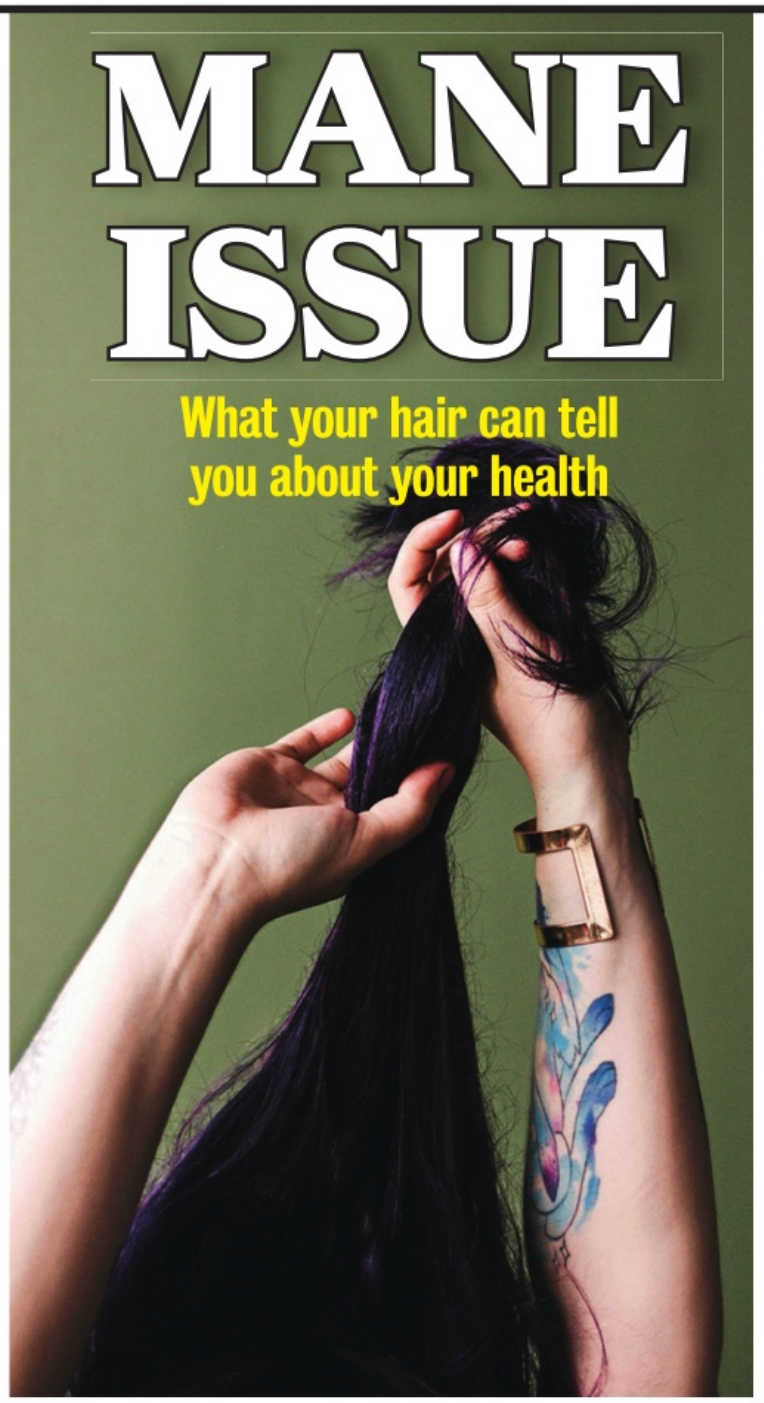
What your hair can tell you about your health



Hair speaks volumes. The way we cut, style and colour often acts as a representation of who we are.

But hair is more than just aesthetic. It also has many important functions – preventing heat loss from the skin for instance, or (in the case of our eyebrows) stopping sweat dripping into the eyes.

Hair can be a reflection of what's going on inside our body, too. Many diseases can alter the quality and appearance of our hair. Paying attention to the way it looks can give us clues to the state of our health.

The hair cycle

Some of the tiniest organs in our bodies are the follicles which produce and nourish hairs. Hair can only grow where follicles exist.

Hair growth is a complex process. Each tiny follicle goes through different cyclical stages. The first is the stage of active hair growth (the "anogen" phase), before growth is arrested (the "catagen" phase). This then progresses to the stage when the hair is lost or shed from the follicle (the "telogen" phase).

Many factors – from our genetics to our hormones to our age – can affect these follicles and their growth.

Excess hair growth

Hypertrichosis is a condition where hair grows in excess all over the body. In most cases, this is a reaction to starting a new medication, such as phenytoin, which is used to treat epilepsy. But it may also be caused by diseases, such as anorexia and HIV.

Some conditions also cause hair to grow in places where it shouldn't. In newborn babies, tufts of hair near the base of the spine may indicate spina bifida occulta. This occurs when the lower vertebrae of the spine haven't formed properly, leaving the delicate spinal cord covered only by skin.

The hows and whys of these conditions and their ability to trigger hypertrichosis remain poorly understood. Hirsutism is another condition where hair grows excessively, but in a typically male pattern – on the face, lips, chest and arms. This is driven by androgen hormones, namely testosterone, which in high levels promotes hair growth in these regions. This may be observed in polycystic ovary syndrome.

Hair loss

Hair may also start to fall out in abnormal amounts, making it thinner or absent in certain body regions. The medical term for hair loss is alopecia and may either be localised or widespread.

Causes of alopecia are manifold and include fungal infections, iron-deficiency anaemia, low thyroid hormone levels and use of medications (including chemotherapy).

Age, gender and genetics are also to blame. Male pattern baldness, occurs at the hairline and the crown of the head. It's influenced by the hormone testosterone, which shortens the growth phase of hairs and makes them finer. Most men with male pattern baldness will begin to observe hair loss by the age of 20-25.

Female pattern baldness, on the other hand, usually affects the front hairline first and causes thinning rather than complete loss. The role of testosterone is more debatable in women, but a hormonal cause is implicated since thinning is more common around and after the menopause.

Hair loss may also arise as a result of hair pulling.

Styling hair tightly can cause traction on the follicle and loss of hair integrity. Some people may also pull or pluck their hairs out of habit. This is called trichotillomania.

Treating hair problems

Helping hair to regrow could be as simple as treating the underlying condition causing it. Another treatment to consider is the medication minoxidil – the active ingredient of Rogaine. It was initially developed as a treatment for high blood pressure, but was observed to also promote hair growth. This may be through a direct effect on hair follicles, or by improving blood flow to the scalp. These uncertainties may explain why some patients see good improvement, and others not.

Hair transplants are also a possibility, relocating crops of hairs to bald patches. There are two ways of performing them – you can either relocate multiple small "punched-out" grafts, or a larger strip of skin. The grafts are taken from hairy skin on the patient's own body – this is an example of an autograft.

The presence of hair in visible areas is not desirable, and there are certain treatments available to stop excessive growth. Aside from traditional hair removal methods, the contraceptive pill and other medications that regulate hormonal influence on hair (such as finasteride), can be considered in cases where a hormonal condition is the cause (such as PCOS).

Test your own hair

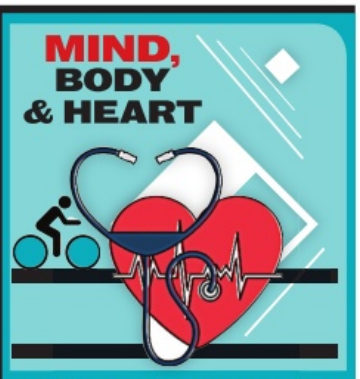
In order to get a better sense of your hair's health you can perform a simple test at home yourself, known as a hair pull.

Select a group of between 30-50 hairs (a small clump) and run your fingers from the base of the hairs at the scalp, up to the ends. You don't need to pull hard – gentle traction is all that's needed to dislodge a shedding hair. Look to see how many you've pulled out.

It's normally only one or two hairs that will come out with one pull – but this can vary between people. Greater than ten hairs and your scalp is likely to be shedding more hairs than normal. This could be suggestive of alopecia – though having a dermatologist perform a more detailed inspection may help you know if your hair loss indicates a more serious problem.

Changes in your hair may not simply be a case of age or how you've been styling it. There are many patterns of hair growth and loss to be aware of. Take heed of any differences noticed by you, or your hairdresser.

(By Dan Baumgardt, University of Bristol, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Child's personality buidling

Promote curiosity
Try to include educational games and activities in everyday routines to promote exploration. Encourage curiosity by introducing kids to a variety of topics, give a range of books, puzzles, and practical activities to foster a good learning atmosphere. Set an example of a love of learning by collaborating on shared discoveries and sharing your own interests.

Play with your child
Playing with your child every day helps relationships and develops good qualities in them. By playing together, they develop a well-rounded personality by learning how to express themselves creatively, communicate, and solve problems. Regular communication lays a solid basis for self-assurance and social skills. Your child will become a resilient, sympathetic person with a positive outlook on life.

Healthy daily routine
Children feel stable and secure when routines are followed consistently. Consistent sleep habits promote cognitive growth and emotional fortitude. Meals and activities with the family strengthen bonds and social skills. Reducing screen time promotes physical exercise and creativity. Finding a balance encourages accountability, discipline, and time management. Healthy routines, in general, foster behaviours that positively impact a child's personality.

Most effective
Building a strong personality requires expressions of unconditional love through affirmation, and empathy. Appreciate their individuality, promote self-esteem, and engage in active listening. They will become more resilient if you encourage them to accept challenges. Help them learn how to solve problems and make decisions. Foster an atmosphere where learning from mistakes is seen as a chance to improve. **Femina**

MIRRORLIGHTS

New system to mimic pancreas may help diabetics with insulin delivery

In a potential breakthrough in insulin delivery for people with diabetes, a team of Indian scientists has developed a novel silk-based hydrogel system that mimics the pancreas.

The silk protein was modified to create a super smart system that senses low insulin in the blood and triggers its release.

"The goal was to create a system that mimics the function of the pancreas, an organ responsible for insulin production and release in the body, providing a continuous and controlled supply of insulin in response to elevated glucose levels in the body, to manage diabetes," said Prof T. Govindaraju from the Bioorganic Chemistry Laboratory, New Chemistry Unit at JNCASR, Bengaluru (an autonomous institution under the Department of Science & Technology), in a statement.

The system "can provide a more efficient and responsive method for insulin release, and address the challenges faced by individuals with both Type 1 and advanced stage Type 2 diabetes", he added.

The findings were published in ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces. Initial tests on mice showed the system to be effective in delivering controlled insulin and normalising blood sugar levels. The researchers next hope to transition to human trials. In addition to drug delivery, the silk-based system can also be used in wound healing, and tissue engineering for various medical conditions, the team said. — IANS

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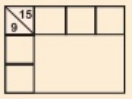
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

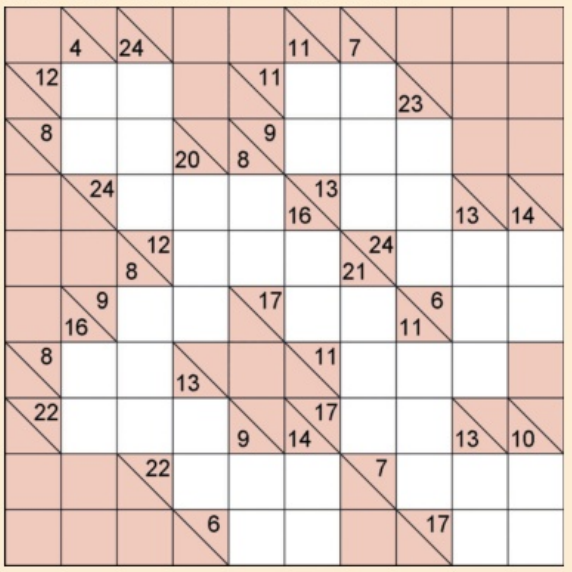
$(3!/x!) + (4!/x!!) = 9$
$x=?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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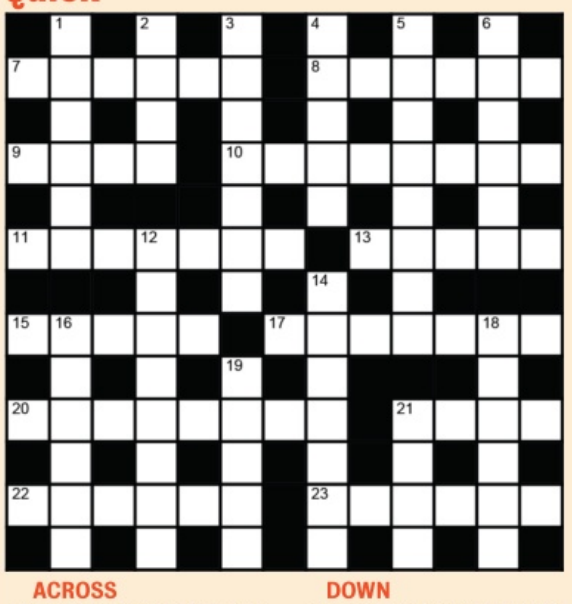


ACROSS

7 Capital of Maharashtra (6)
8 German songs (6)
9 Defeat (4)
10 1983 World Cup winning captain (5,3)
11 Pope (7)
13 Lone Ranger's sidekick (5)
15 Closes or slams (5)
17 Revel (7)
20 Guiding (8)
21 Lord Mahavir's follower (4)
22 Homing bird (6)
23 Distress signal (3-3)

DOWN

1 American dinner jacket (6)
2 Aid and ___ : help in a criminal activity? (4)
3 Start a football match? (4,3)
4 Flee to marry (5)
5 Financially comfortable? (4-2-2)
6 Soften or yield (6)
12 Ragged (8)
14 Where three rivers meet in Karnataka (7)
16 Empty, pretentious talk (colloquial) (3,3)
18 ___ cord : cylindrical nervous structure within spine? (6)
19 Metallic-sounding (5)
21 Delights (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

JOTIFOI TJ FZBWTFX SEB YICIGZQIY QIMOIQBTZF, TFBIMQMIBIY TFBIFB, OZKKZF JIFJI MZEFYIY ZEB RFY KTFE-BIGU RMBTOEGRBIY.

Linemaro

You're WEIRD:
(W)onderful,
(E)xciting,
(I)nteresting,
(R)eal,
(D)ifferent

Mindchow

In law, nothing is certain but the expense

Joke of the day

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it

Loop

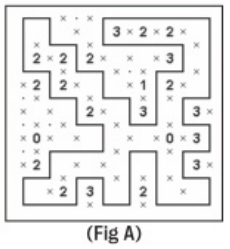
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

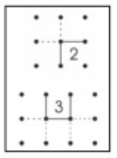
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



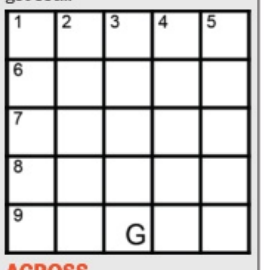
(Fig B)
Not Allowed

Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

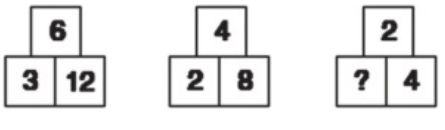
1 Recap; 6 A mail;
7 Solid; 8 Amine;
9 Go Sub

DOWN

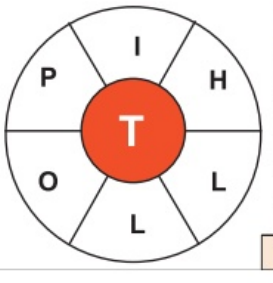
1 CM Lib; 2 Road I;
3 Mango; 4 Pauli;
5 Sees a

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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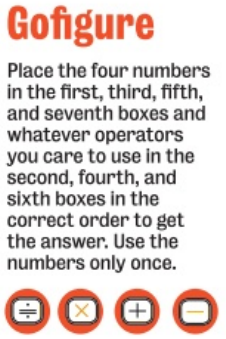
					4	8	9	6
9	8				7		4	
				6		4		5
	5		8		9		3	
8		2		5				
	7		6				2	4
2	3	4	1					
		8						7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

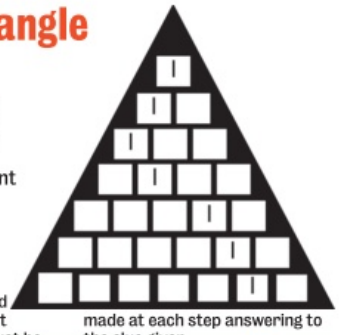
Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Arm is showing. 3. Fence is not as long. 4. Window is different. 5. Roof is wider. 6. Tree trunk is wider

Riddler

A clever scientist in his lab can bring pure water to a vigorous boil, then immediately pour the water over his head without scalding himself. How does he do it? Note: He does not cool the water down and he has no protective clothing whatsoever.

Alpha triangle

1 Egoistic letter
2 That is (L)
3 Rocks, at the bar
4 Parasitic insects
5 Historic souvenir
6 Cream puff
7 Heat measurement



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

BUT, WELLINGTON, WHAT CAN A HAS-BEEN WITCH DO?
HM?
PERHAPS IF YOU MAGIC UP A DOZEN HAMBURGERS IT WOULD GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE
!
6-5
CURSES, HAGGY..... YOU'VE BEEN AT IT AN HOUR AND STILL NOTHING!
I TOLD YOU! I DON'T HAVE IT ANYMORE!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEY, SWEET THANG... YOU ALL ALONE, LITTLE LADY?
GAHHHH!
VENTRILOQUISM JUST ISN'T THE CHICK-GETTER IT USED TO BE.
GET THAT CREEPY THING AWAY FROM ME!

Crankshaft

IT COULD BE SUNSPOTS THAT CAUSES IT... WHO KNOWS?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS YEAR'S CLASS OF SEVENTH-GRADERS...
HOW WOULD YOU RATE THEM, MARY?
THEY WERE, UH... UNUSUAL.

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are likely to meet someone, and with their help, you may expect positive growth in your business or work. Your destiny may help you, and your losses can now be converted into profits. Financial health may be on track now. Lovebirds are advised to make some important decisions in terms of marriage. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, situations are under control. You are blessed by Jupiter today; you may expect to get some important posts in the office. You may be inclined towards religion and mythological facts. You may feel yourself stronger in your thoughts, which may make you confident in your way of working. You may also plan for an overseas tour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull and unhappy, which may affect your way of working, and there may be some delay in the completion of your projects. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic lives. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rush-hour driving. Lovebirds may break up. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have a good bond with the boss, and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured, and disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. You may get good incentives for your work as well. A job seeker may find a new job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel healthy; your old aches and pains may be cured now. You may hear some good news from a close relative. You may perform well in the office, and your colleagues may help you with any critical project, and you may develop faith in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige in society. You may expect good news in some legal matters.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are likely to be busy with the kids' education and careers, and you may hear some good news in terms of their academics. Lovebirds are advised to be patient in terms of their relationships. Investors are advised to avoid investing in risky assets as they might result in losses, and it is advised to do meditation, yoga, or chant some mantras to come out of this typical situation.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you will be a victim of dissatisfaction; you may not get the result of your hard work, and it may cause disappointment and make you upset. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a contract or paper. Investment in the assets may also be possible, and you are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. Overworking may affect your domestic life; you may arrive late to family or social events.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions, which may increase your network. You may also plan for a short work-related trip, and you are advised to be patient while interacting with anyone. Disputes between siblings or friends may be resolved now. Your colleagues may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project, and with self-confidence, you are likely to complete all the tasks.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may implement some new plans into your family business, which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers. You may spend money to buy some creative or artistic artefacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also be concerned about teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may be surrounded by happiness, which can help you enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you make difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Colleagues may support you in completing your work on time. Students may find themselves more focused on their studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull, and sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to the health issues of a family member. Your expenditure on worthless things may affect your savings. You may be a victim of a conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your past investments may yield good profits. After a brief period of work, you may get positive results, and obstacles may vanish. A minimum effort may allow you to achieve success easily. It's possible that your financial situation has improved and that you have new revenue streams. In terms of children, couples may hear good news.

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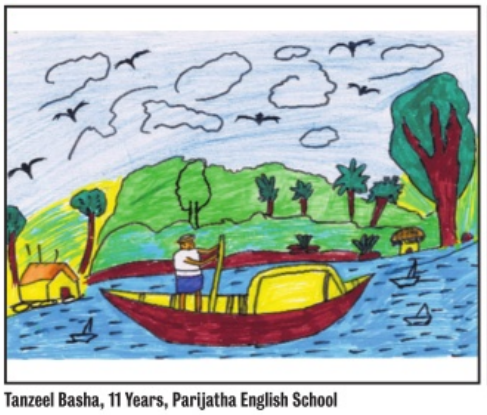

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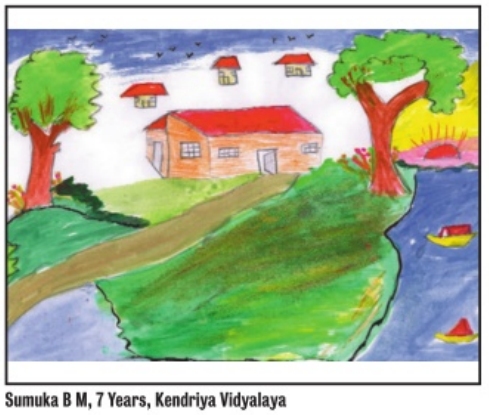

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SOLUTIONS

BULL'S EYE
HILLTOP, hilt, tilt, pilot, pith, plot, till, toll, toll

RIDDLER
He can apply a vacuum to a container of water. The water will boil but will remain at room temperature. He can then quickly relieve the vacuum and pour the water over his head without worry of scalding himself.

FAST FIVE

C	R	A	P	E
L	A	M	I	A
I	D	O	L	S
M	I	N	A	E
B	O	G	U	S

SOLVE IN 1M
{6(X!!)+24(X!)}/X!"X!!=9
6/X!+24/X!!=9
6/6+24/3=9
X=3

STRIKE OUT

G	U	S	H	I	N	S	M	E	S	E	S			
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MENSA PUZZLE
Solution is nothing but developed perception, interpreted as intent, common sense rounded out and minutely articulated.

QUOTE UNCODE
1: multiply the bottom two numbers then take the square root, i.e., 1*4 = 4 and 84 = 2.

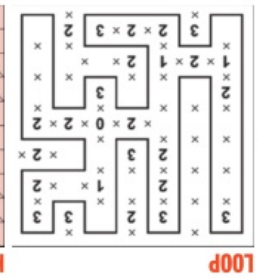
SUDOKU

4	2	3	9	8	6	5	7	1
7	1	5	3	2	4	8	9	6
9	8	6	5	1	7	2	4	3
3	9	7	2	6	1	4	8	5
6	5	1	8	4	9	7	3	2
8	4	2	7	5	3	6	1	9
5	7	9	6	3	8	1	2	4
2	3	4	1	7	5	9	6	8
1	6	8	4	9	2	3	5	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, Ie, Ice, Lice, Relic, Eclair, Calorie.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 5 + 8 − 5 = 14
Medium
4 / 2 x 7 − 6 = 8
Hard
9 / 3 + 4 − 4 = 3

LOOP



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 # Touching thank you
Shahid Kapoor thanks Vijay Deverakonda for 'Arjun Reddy' with a peck when they met to discuss his upcoming film 'Family Star'

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Sweet 25

Action star Tiger Shroff, who will be soon seen in the 4th instalment of his action film franchise 'Baaghi', shared that he first got romantically involved at the age of 25.

The actor attended Prime Video's slate announcement event, 'Prime Video Presents' on Tuesday at a 5-star property in the Santa Cruz area of Mumbai.

Talking to Bollywood star Varun Dhawan, Tiger said: "You know Varun, I have always been a very shy and introverted kind of a person. I never had a girlfriend till the age of 25".

Varun was in for a shock when he heard this. He asked Tiger, "25! Are you serious?" To which Tiger replied, "Yes, I got my first girlfriend at 25 and it was during the audition of my debut film."

Varun once again probed him, "Kriti Sanon?". A startled Tiger corrected himself, as he said, "No no the film after my debut."

Varun, who had earlier made a slip at a television show with regards to Kriti's dating life when he hinted at Prabhas's name in jest, told the media, "Guys, it's a joke, it's joke!!", given that all of India's media was present at the event.

Tiger, who was earlier rumoured to be dating actress Disha Patani, however, didn't reveal the name of the girl. **–IANS**

Why so serious

Kriti says women-centric films can be funny too

At a recent trailer launch event in Mumbai, Kriti Sanon shared insights about her forthcoming movie, 'Crew'. Delving into the lesson surrounding women-centric films, she highlighted how this particular project, featuring Tabu and Kareena Kapoor Khan, breaks stereotypes by offering a comedic storyline.

Talking to the media, Kriti said, "I feel when there's a women-oriented film and it's about the girls, everyone thinks it'll be very serious, or tackle an issue or bash men and all that. But this film does none of that and women can do comedy very well."

Speaking about her experience working with Kareena and Tabu, Kriti said, "We usually get to work with men, it was very refreshing to work with women. These women are so talented, I have admired them for years. We all look up to them for what they bring to the table and for how they've reinvented themselves. The way this film was written and these characters are, there's such life and chemistry between these three."

Diljit Dosanjh joins the cast of 'Crew,' a tale centered around three flight attendants. The trailer unveiled the dangerous situation faced by Kohinoor Airlines, their bankrupt employer, and the unexpected encounter with a man sporting gold bars on his chest. Produced by Ekta Kapoor and Rhea Kapoor, the film also features a cameo by Kapil Sharma. Scheduled for release on March 29. 'Crew' promises a thrilling ride filled with humour.

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Teaser out

Pramod and Prithvi Ambar-starrer Bhuvanam Gaganam is gearing up for release at theaters shortly. Action prince Dhruva Sarja launched the movie's teaser at an event in Dr Rajkumar Indoor Stadium. "The title of the movie reminds me of a lilting song from the movie Vamshi in which Puneeth Rajumar played the lead. I attended this event because of technicians, including Gireesh Mulimani who worked as associate director for the film Varadanayaka. My elder brother Chiranjeevi Sarja and Sudeep sir had acted in that movie. Uday Leela has worked as cinematographer for my movie Bharjari," said Dhruva Sarja.

Sharing his excitement about the release of the movie in theaters, Pramod said he agreed to act in this film as he has not acted in a full-fledged love-oriented movie before. "The shooting of the movie is completed and the post-production work, including dubbing, is in progress," said Pramod. Gireesh Mulimani has written the script and screenplay apart from directing it. Munegowda has bankrolled the movie.

New hero

Many youths from North Karnataka have been making attempts to realise their dreams of becoming movie heroes. There are some movies based on North Karnataka. Now, Rohit, a model and theater artiste who hails from Mudgal in Raichur, is all set to prove his mettle in Sandalwood as a hero. Rohit not only plays the lead but has also bankrolled the movie Rakthaksha under the Sai Production banner. It is directed by Vasudeva S N and it is scheduled for release shortly.

The specialty of the movie is that actor Vasishta Simha rendered its title song that is written by Sujith Venkataramaiah while Dossmode scored music. "The movie is based on real incidents. It is a murder mystery with all elements including crime and action. Its screenplay is quite different. The song rendered by Vasishta Simha has already become a huge success," said the director.

The movie features actors such as Pramod Shetty, Roopa Rayappa and Archana Kottige.

No date without therapy

Actress Eiza Gonzalez, who is known for 'Baby Driver', has made her dating terms very clear.

The actress has shared that anyone who doesn't go to therapy cannot date her. The 34-year-old actress has been in therapy since she was young, and she considers it to be one of her dating "non-negotiables", reports 'Female First UK'.

Eiza told InStyle, "I definitely have a list of non-negotiables. "If you've not gone to therapy. I'm not dating you." As per 'Female First UK', despite this, Eiza admitted that she was initially resistant to having therapy. The actress shared, "I didn't want to talk about my feelings, because I was in shock and I was traumatised, and I couldn't bear the fact that my father had died."

Now, though, Eiza is convinced that anyone and everyone can benefit from therapy sessions.

The actress said: "Everyone needs therapy. Therapy is the most normal (thing). The concept of this prefixed negative idea about therapy is nuts to me. I think therapy is just the healthiest thing anyone could do."

Eiza is someone who fully commits herself to all of her romances. The actress reflected, "I am telling you - When I'm in love, I fall in love so deep and it takes me so much to get over." **–IANS**

No messing with her

Actress Bhumi Pednekar, who was recently seen in the thriller film 'Bhakshak', has marked her debut in the world of over-the-top (OTT) content with the upcoming series, 'Daldal'.

The new series, helmed by Amrit Raj Gupta, will see Bhumi Pednekar make her OTT debut. Taking to her Instagram handle, Bhumi dropped her first look from the show. She plays the role of Mumbai's newly appointed DCP, Rita Ferreira.

Haunted by the guilt of her past and dealing with the demons of her present, a newly-appointed DCP, Rita Ferreira, must embark on an investigation of a series of murders that puts her on a collision course with a coldblooded serial killer.

The show is based on Bhendi Bazaar by Vish Dhamija, and the screenplay is written by Sreekanth Agneeaswaran and Rohan D'Souza.

Bhumi was last seen in the thriller film 'Bhakshak'. **-ETimes**